

## RE

Our first topic is "Prayers, Saints and Feasts". We will be learning to recognise love shown to us and explore opportunities to love others, to recognise the place and value of celebrations in the family and to know that prayer both gives praise to God and tells us about Him. We will then move on to Advent.

## Communication and Language

**FS** – We will be using a range of stories and poems. The children will be encouraged to listen and learn to recite poems and parts of the text. They will learn new vocabulary and discuss new words. They will use their developing phonic skills to spell and write words in their play.

**You can help by:** reinforcing new sounds daily.  
**Year 1 / 2** will also be identifying different types of words, such as verbs, adjectives and nouns. They will use them in their writing and begin to comment on the effect they have in their sentence. They will continue to work on punctuating sentences accurately.

**You can help by:** spotting verbs, adjectives and nouns in their reading books.

## Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure

**FS** - We will be focussing on counting reliably with numbers from 1 to 20, ordering them and saying which number is one more or less. We will also be using everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.

**Year 1 / 2** - We will also be thinking about size, weight, capacity, position, distance and time and measuring these things as well as using them in problems. We will be thinking about the four operations and practise using them in different contexts.

**You can help by:** measuring – maybe you could do some cooking? Be aware of numbers when you are out and about – can you say one more and one less than a number that you find?

## Understanding the World / Science

We will be looking at the changes in the season and the weather. The children will look at the trees and notice the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees. We will look at materials and describe them. We will talk about the differences between things that are alive and dead.

**You can help by:** Ordering the seasons. Go on an autumn walk.

## PSHE

For some sessions the year groups will be taught separately.

**Year 1** - We will be learning about how to stay safe at home, and to look after ourselves around medicines.

**Year 2** - We will explore substances and situations that are safe / unsafe.

We will learn about staying safe on the internet and focus on how to be kind and thinking about this during anti-bullying week

**You can help by:** discussing how to keep safe at home and to talk to your children about why it is important to be kind and to talk about any worries.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will be designing and making decorations and cards and a birthday cake! The children will continue to develop basic drawing, painting and colour mixing skills throughout the topic.

**You can help by:** baking a cake with your child at home and talking about the materials used to make it.

## Venford Autumn 2015 – Second Half term



Let's Celebrate!



## History / Geography

We will begin by learning about the Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes. We will go on to find out about birthdays in the past and how children in other countries celebrate.

We will find out about Diwali and locate India on the map.  
**You can help by:** telling children about your birthdays when you were young.

## Computing

We will be thinking about collecting data and using different programs to show our data. This will include bar charts and flow diagrams. We will also be thinking about e-safety.

**You can help by:** talking to your child about internet safety.

## PE / Physical Development

Coach Chris will continue to work on basic movement and games playing skills on a Wednesday. We will also be developing gymnastic skills starting by focussing on bouncing, jumping and landing.

**All children need PE kits (with their name in) in school please.**

## Music – Expressive Arts

We will be thinking a lot about our Christmas performance this half term, so we will be learning lots of new songs and practising them.