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Our first topic is Creation. The children will learn that they are special and that God created them. They will hear and read the story of the creation in the bible and know how we say thank you to God. Sacraments – We will focus on forgiveness and healing and look at how Jesus forgave others and what this means for us in our lives. They will learn about baptism.
You can help by: talking about how to forgive others.

Communication and Language

We will be using a range of texts that focus on different types of writing. We will be encouraging children to plan their ideas and to think carefully about their writing before they begin. We will encourage children to say their sentences out loud prior to writing them and to remind them about how to use punctuation. Phonics, reading and spelling are key areas and we will be encouraging all children to read daily at home and to learn their spellings.
You can help by: listening to your child read each day and reinforcing spellings.

Numbers, Shape, Space and

Daily sessions will focus on counting to and across 100 forwards and backwards. The children will read and write numbers to 100 and identify 1 more and 1 less. They will memorise, reason and derive number facts to 10 / 20. They will be solving addition and subtraction problems. We will be handling and naming common 2D and 3D shapes. We will be encouraging the children to talk about how they have solved things and to explain what they notice.
You can help by: encouraging your child to explain what happens when they count forwards / backwards. Use the terms fewer / most / least to compare quantities.

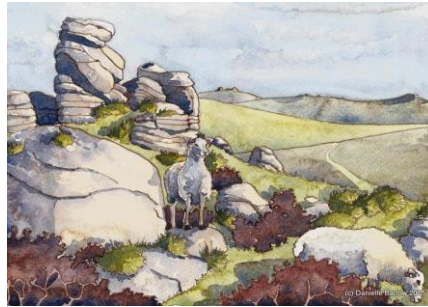
Understanding the World / Science

We will be looking at plants and animals in the local environment and using our observational skills when dissecting a flower. We will go on local walks and find out more about the environment and the animals that live here as well as looking at the different materials used in the local buildings.
You can help by: looking for animal tracks and naming common flowers.

PSHE

We're All Stars – this topic is all about establishing class rules and thinking about how they can help make their class a fair and safe place to be. It will involve activities that help them to think about how they can listen effectively to each other and solve problems. They will discuss how to identify if someone is unhappy and think about how they can make them feel better.
You can help by: encouraging the children to think about their choices and help them to make the right choices by talking about right and wrong.

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Our Area

Computing

We will be thinking about the order that we need to do things in to make something happen and talk about this to others. We will program a robot to do a particular task. We will make graphs and collect data about where we live.
You can help by: talking about how you use technology at home to do particular tasks

PE / Physical Development

The Arsenal Sports' Coach will be continuing to work on helping the children master basic skills e.g. running, jumping, throwing, catching, balance, agility and co-ordination
You can help by: ensuring children have their PE kit in school and it is named!

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be drawing and painting pictures of the local landscape. They will be developing techniques of colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space.
You can help by: helping children to draw their house and to think about features of the local area that they could draw.

History / Geography

We will be looking at the local area and where Buckfast is in the world. Children will name and locate the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. We will be asking children to learn their address so that they can write letters.
You can help by: helping your child learn where they live.

Music – Expressive Arts

We will be looking at what is meant by pulse and rhythm in a piece of music and begin to understand how music can create different feelings and emotions. We will be learning songs for our Harvest Festival and having a go at composing.
You can help by: listening to and clapping along to music.