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We will begin by completing our work on sacraments, learning about healing and baptism.

We will look at how we use prayers to talk to God in our Faith and in others, learning to appreciate other faiths - Diwali and Hannukah.

We will then move on to Advent and understanding that this is the lead up to Christmas when Christians get ready for the birth of Jesus, remembering he is God's son - Light of the world.

PSHE

Year 1 children will be thinking about staying healthy and how to look after our bodies. We will be encouraging them to think about how and when we need to take medicines and how to take them safely. They will identify who should give us medicines and know how to store them safely.

Year 2 children will be encouraged to think about risk and to explore what is safe and unsafe. They will learn how to identify hazardous substances and consider safety rules at home and at school.

You can help by: reinforcing the need to store medicines safely and to take them responsibly.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn about the artist Van Gogh and look at this painting *Starry Night*. We will try to replicate the way that he used paint to create texture and colour and movement in his work. We will be making craft items to link with Christmas and Diwali.

You can help by: finding out about other paintings by Van Gogh.

Communication and Language

Our literacy texts will link closely with other areas of the curriculum and we will be thinking about night time and things that happen at night. The focus will continue to be on developing sentences and ensuring that children can both say and write sentences and understand how to correctly punctuate them. We will be encouraging children to plan their writing and to carefully consider their choice of vocabulary. We will be introducing the idea of non-negotiable spellings – these are any spellings that the children have learnt or that we have looked at in class. The expectation is that they will be spelling them correctly in their writing.

You can help by: supporting your child in learning their spellings ready for Friday – but please don't leave it until Thursday evening – this should be daily! Also by reading with, and to, your child every night.

Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure

Daily sessions will focus on counting to and across 100 from any number in steps of 1, 2 or 5, forwards and backwards, and ordering 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.

We will be handling and naming common 2D and 3D shapes. We will be comparing and measuring lengths, mass and volume, and using place value and number facts to solve problems. 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 count in 2's and 5's. Use the terms longer, shorter, heavier, lighter and talking about units of measure - g, kg, cm, m, ml, l.

Understanding the World / Science

We will be looking at light and recognising that darkness is the absence of light. We will learn to identify light sources and use these to create shadows. We will understand what is meant by nocturnal and look at how light can be used in keeping us safe. We will understand how light reflection works by testing colours and materials.

You can help by: looking for nocturnal animals and light sources.

Computing

We will be continuing to check our class blog and look at those of other schools. We will be recognising the way we use technology in our lives both at home and at school. The children will be able to talk about different ways that information can be presented.

You can help by: thinking about the different technology in your house.

PE / Physical Development

Arsenal Sports 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!

History / Geography

We will be learning about the great fire of London and investigating and learning about how it began and the key events that took place. We will learn about the eye witness Samuel Pepys and his diary. We will be looking at the changes that occur in autumn and recognising the weather at this time of the year.

You can help by: playing <http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/game/> together.

Music – Expressive Arts

We will be looking at how music can be used in celebrations and composing our own. We will be learning and performing songs for our own Christmas celebration, and learn the importance of vocal warm ups and exercises to improve the quality of our singing and strengthen our voices.

You can help by: helping your child learn the song lyrics.

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