

RE

We will be looking at the Easter story and what signs we use to remind us that Jesus returned to new life. We will find out what the disciples did after Jesus rose from the dead and how they spread Jesus' message. We will then examine the religion of Hinduism, exploring the story of Ramayana. We will also hear about some of the stories about Jesus and his friends.

You can help by: talking about why Easter is important and about new life.

Communication and Language

In our Literacy we will be becoming increasingly familiar with, and re-telling, a wider range of stories, particularly fairy stories and traditional tales. We will look at different versions of the story of the three little pigs and create our own version. We will look at the story "*For you are a Kenyan child*" and consider how the three little pigs would be different if set in Kenya. We will be researching about how homes are different in different places and how homes have changed over time. We will use this research to create an informative poster.

You can help by: reading with your child on a regular basis with a wide variety of texts and books.

Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure

Year 1 / 2 - In our maths we will be securing our understanding of place value. We will be comparing numbers and using the symbols < > and =. We will be constructing simple tally charts, tables and block charts and interpreting what they show.

FS: In practical activities and discussion, we will begin to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting. Using quantities and objects, the children will add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. We will estimate how many objects we can see and check by counting them.

You can help by: practising counting using songs and games. Compare quantities when shopping, cooking or sharing.

Understanding the World / Science

In this topic we will encourage the children to observe, explore and ask questions about different materials. We will be examining the properties of different materials and classifying materials by different criteria.

You can help by: exploring different materials at home, what materials can you find in your house?

PSHE

Our topics are:

Drugs - This will be taught in specific year groups and covers "Staying healthy" and taking medicines safely for the year 1 children. Year 2 children will be thinking about substances or situations that are safe / unsafe. They will identify hazardous substances and consider safety rules.

Dear Diary - We will then begin to think about how and who we can ask for help and managing our feelings. We will continue this topic after half term

You can help by: talking about medicines and their safety at home.

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Who lives here?

Computing

We will be using the computers to record data in bar charts and pictographs. We will also be researching the environment, climate and culture of Kenya.

You can help by: assisting with researching Kenya.

PE / Physical Development

We will be focussing on developing our athletics.

We will be learning about exercising, safety and the short term effects of exercise.

You can help by: playing active games and activities.

Expressive Arts and Design

In our art topic we will be learning about printing techniques and creating our own wallpaper!

In our design technology we will be constructing our own model houses.

You can help by: having a go at some different kinds of printing.

History / Geography

We will be exploring how our homes have changed over time and examining different household objects. We will be looking at how homes are different in other countries.

You can help by: talking about different places you have visited and how your home has changed.

Music – Expressive Arts

In this topic we will be exploring the music and instruments of Kenya. We will be making and playing our own drums.

You can help by: listening to different types of music.