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Our next topic is **Pentecost and Mission**

We will be exploring the story of Pentecost and learn this meant that Jesus kept his promise. The children will hear about the Holy Spirit and know that we can address God as the Holy Spirit.

We will go on to find stories about Jesus in the New Testament and we will explore some of the stories that tell us about Jesus.

You can help by: sharing some of these stories at home.

Communication and Language

F/S – We will be continuing to work on children learning and remembering texts and building a bank of new words. They will be encouraged to use their phonic skills to decode and spell words for themselves and to construct simple sentences.

Yr1 / 2 – The children will learn to recite and remember new texts and to use the story / text patterns in their own writing. They will be encouraged to use and recognise different types of words, verbs, adjectives, nouns and adverbs. We will think about using our phonic skills to read alien words in preparation for Yr 1 screening.

You can help by: practising spellings, reading nightly and discussing the text to support understanding.

Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure

F/S – We will be working on the children's counting skills from 1-20 and on their number recognition. They will be recording numbers and think about 1 more / 1 less.

Year 1 / 2 – We will continue to work on number and place value. The children will be gaining more confidence at using the four number operations. We will be encouraging them to learn pairs to 10 / 20 by heart and to recall multiplication facts. They will use these to solve different number problems including using money.

You can help by: looking at different coins and encouraging your child to pay for items and working out the change when shopping. Helping your child to learn to recall pairs to 10 / 20 and their times tables x2, x3, x5, x10.

Understanding the World / Science

We will be following instructions to grow and look after plants. We will observe how they grow and the changes that happen.

The children will make a parachute to allow an egg to land (hopefully) safely on the ground!

You can help by: planting seeds and watching them grow and discussing what they need to stay healthy.

PSHE

We will be completing our unit Dear Diary and the children will learn to recognise what makes them happy and setting themselves goals,

We will then go on to work in year groups:-

Year 1 – Growing and Caring - will learn about how to keep clean and look after ourselves. They will talk about how they grow and change, and recognise that there are different types of families.

Year 2 – Differences; Boys and Girls. We will be thinking about male and female stereotypes and their differences. We will learn the names of male and female body parts.

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Journeys

History / Geography

We will be learning about historical figures that have been on journeys; such as Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus. They will use maps to follow their routes and books and the internet to find out more about their adventures.

You can help by: talking about journeys that they have been on and bringing in photos and information to share.

We will be using technology to research about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and presenting our findings using Powerpoint. We will also be presenting our ideas using videos and learning how to edit them.

You can help by: helping them use a computer at home.

PE / Physical Development

The children will be manipulating and using different materials and tools. They will use a range of equipment as part of their PE sessions. This half term they will focus on sports day and Croif.

You can help by – ensuring they have named PE kit in school.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making some observational drawings of bicycles to link with one of our stories "Mrs Armitage on wheels". The children will design some adaptations of their own. They will create and decorate paper planes.

You can help by: having a go at drawing different bikes, scooters and cars at home!

Music – Expressive Arts

The children will be following a unit called "Hey You" – in this unit they will learn to sing and perform a Hip Hop song. Alongside this we will also be singing topic based songs and learning songs for our end of the year performance.

Computing