

## RE

This term we will be beginning our 'Sacraments' topic, thinking about the special times in our lives and trying to understand that God is always there with us even if we do not recognise God's presence. Please could your child bring in a photo of a special event in their life - it could be a special birthday, a wedding they attended, a holiday, a Holy Communion or other celebration. If your child has been baptised, it would be nice to if they could bring in their candle and share their special moment. Later in the term we will be exploring the theme of 'Advent'. The children will be taking part in lots of waiting games and activities to help understand patience as we wait for the excitement of Christmas.

## Literacy

This term we will be using our phase 2 phonics to write lists and read lots of tricky words. We will mainly be revising these phonemes, this time focussing on writing them correctly. We will be looking at the story of the three little pigs, retelling it in the correct order and sequencing pictures. We will use speech bubbles to write what the wolf says and try labelling houses and rooms in our homes.

## Maths

This term we will be continuing to count and recognise numbers, initially to 10 then to 20; consistently counting objects reliably; ordering numbers and finding one more and one less than a given number and writing our numbers correctly. We will be developing our understanding of shapes by making shape houses. Please look at home at the shapes you can see in doors, windows, patterns in tiles, etc.

## Understanding the World

We will be going on a local walk to see the types of houses in Buckfast and take photos using the Learnpads. We will also be using the Beebots to input instructions so they can follow maps of the streets / towns we draw. The children will be sorting household items into the correct rooms and will be finding out the different kinds of homes people around the world might live in e.g. igloos, castles, caravans, shelters and so on. We will also be learning about animal homes and might make some nests, etc!

## Personal Social and Emotional Development

This term our topic is 'getting on and falling out'. This will help children to build resilience should they fall out with a friend we will also look at bullying and ensure children know who they can ask for help in school should they need to. We will be taking part in lots of charity work - 'Children in need' and the Christmas Shoebox appeal helping children become aware of those less fortunate than themselves. We will also take part in an act of Remembrance.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will be splatter painting firework pictures and making rockets. The children will be using the junk modelling boxes to make a house or a home so any old rubbish send our way! In our music session we will be learning the Christmas play songs ready for the performance!

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.15pm**



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## Things to remember...

Each week (Tuesday am) we will be going on a 'welly walk'. Please make sure your child has wellies in school and a suitable coat - we will be going out in all kinds of weather so that we can see the changes in the trees and environment.

Reading books need to be in school on your child's reading day. If you would like an extra book change, please leave in the basket on the side. Library and Wise Owl books need to be returned by Friday. Phonics tins and books need to be returned by Thursday, ready for Friday, so that we can add in the new phonemes we have learnt during the week.

## Physical Development

Our PE days will continue to be Wednesday (am) and Friday (am) when we have an external coach in to teach us. We will be continuing to practise getting changed independently and learning some Gymnastic skills. We will also take part in a dance session - using the ribbons and streamers to become colourful fireworks!

To improve our gross motor skills, we will be continuing to use the large equipment at playtime and use the bikes and trikes (weather permitting). We will also be continuing our weekly 'welly walk'! We will also be using our new outdoor play equipment from November - many thanks to FOSM - Meldon is a very lucky class!

To improve our fine motor skills we will be practising our cutting skills and pencil control.