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This term we start with a focus on Easter. We will look at how different people reacted to Jesus' resurrection, including Thomas. We will then look at Pentecost and mission and how we learn about the church and the Word of God.

You can help at home by: talking about your own beliefs and discussing how you feel about these things.

English

This is a busy term particularly for the year 2 children who will be taking KS 1 SATs. In order to help prepare, please read with your child EVERY night and put a comment in the record book.

We will be ensuring that the children know and use the correct spellings of basic words for their year group. Some children still have some remaining words to learn. We will also be looking at alternative versions of Jack and the Beanstalk and the children will be making their own story sequels. We will work on ways to develop basic sentences using conjunctions.

You can help at home by: ensuring that your child knows all the spellings of key words for their year group.

Mathematics

This half term we will be focussing on recapping on the four operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be starting to focus on the most efficient method to use to solve a problem which may not always be the one we think of first. We will continue to focus on counting up to 100 and beyond in 2's, 5's, and 10's.

You can help at home by: practising counting - remember to go backwards as well as forwards. Keep helping your child to learn their times tables (2's, 5's & 10's) and start thinking about telling the time.

Science

We will be growing seeds and observing how plants change.

We will be looking at the plants that grow in our environment and learning the names of some common flowers. The children will dissect and name different parts of a plant. They will also have some questions of their own for us to find answers to!

You can help at home by: learning the names of the plants in your garden or that you see as you are out walking.

PSHE

Our topic for this half term is called "Dear Diary". The children will be recognising who they can ask for help. They will start to recognise and talk about their feelings and how to show that they love and care for someone. We will be discussing how our thoughts, feelings and behaviour are linked and we will look at ways to deal with our worries.

You can help at home by: encouraging your child to talk about their feelings and how to help others.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be exploring the work of Vincent van Gogh - Sunflowers. The children will be talking about the colours and textures and trying to create these in their own work. We will be using a range of media.

You can help at home by: looking at and drawing and painting different flowers.

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HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?



History / Geography

The children will be investigating their environment and looking for the range of different plants that they can find. Linking with our maths work, the children will work on following directions.

You can help at home by: following directions e.g. up, down, north, south, east, west.

Computing

We will be learning the word "algorithm" and thinking about how we tell technology to do things. We will link this with maths, discussing position and direction. We will direct our friends and then try giving instructions to robots (Beebots). We will make maps for them to follow and we will see if we can give them the correct instructions.

You can help at home by: thinking about when you give computers instructions and how they know what you want them to do.

PE / Physical Development

Coach Ben's session will continue to take place on Tuesdays. He will work with small groups on Friday mornings. Year 1 will begin their outdoor education sessions on Thursday afternoons so please send them in prepared with named wellies!

Music - Expressive Arts

Our music links with our PSHE and the songs focus on friendship. The children will be finding their singing voice and learning to use their voices confidently. They will be playing instruments in different ways and creating sound effects.