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We will be exploring the theme of 'Creation'. The children will be: nurturing an awareness of God in their lives, observing beauty in detail and order in God's creation. This will be linked to our Harvest preparation and celebration. Leading up to this the children will have the chance to say thank you to God for our food.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The theme this term will be 'New beginnings'. We will be concentrating on separating from our carers, building friendships and being independent in our learning. Our focus will be on making simple rules and sharing our class resources when playing together.

How you can help – Encourage your child to share and take turns in games at home. Talk about school and new friends they have made.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be painting pictures of ourselves and people who help us and learning about choosing colours for a purpose. We will be using collage to make fire engines, police cars and ambulances. We will be learning topic-based songs and will be identifying different sounds we can make with our voices and bodies. We will be using the instruments to explore how sounds can be changed to be louder and quieter.

Literacy

This term, in Reading, we will be exploring lots of different texts around the theme 'People Who Help Us'. We will be introducing children to Phase 1 and 2 phonics, practising hearing the initial sounds and beginning to blend the sounds in simple words. Our Reading Meeting will be on Tuesday 24th September at 2pm. In Writing, we will be concentrating on recognising our names, as well as developing our letter formation to write them. We will be looking at labelling a picture and orally retelling a story in the correct order using story maps and actions.

Maths

This term we will be counting and recognising numbers initially to 10 (and beyond); counting objects reliably; matching 1:1 consistently and creating patterns.

We will be developing our understanding of measures, learning about taller and shorter as we measure ourselves and our friends. We will be looking at using the scales to compare the weights of different objects.

We will be making 2D shape pictures, and naming and grouping shapes.

Understanding the World

We will be learning about people who help us in our community. We hope to have visits from the Fire, Police and health professionals so that we can learn about their jobs and how they help others. The IT focus will be to use the class computers, building confidence in using the mouse through playing games and creating some pictures of people who help us using the programme 'Dazzle'.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Meldon Class

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People Who Help Us



Outdoor Education

Each week on a Friday afternoon we will be going on a 'welly walk' exploring the outdoor classroom and mud kitchen we are so lucky to have at St Mary's. We will be exploring and using the natural resources we find to create artwork.

Please make sure your child has wellies in school and suitable coat – we will be going out in all kinds of weather so we can see the changes in the trees and environment.

Physical Development

Our PE sessions will take place on a Friday (am) when we will have an external coach in to teach us. We will be practising getting changed independently and moving around the hall in different ways and throwing and catching a ball.

We will be concentrating on our gross motor movements – ways to travel – walking, running, skipping, hopping and jumping in all directions. These skills will also be further developed in our outside garden during choosing time.

In our fine motor skills area, we will be using lots of play dough, pegs and foam to get our fingers ready to hold a pencil and use it effectively. Children will engage with daily "funky fingers" activities to help further develop their skills.