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As theologians we will...

learn about 'creation' in our first topic. The children will recognise that they are special and that God created them. They will hear and read the story of Creation in the Bible and think about how we say thank you to God. We will explore how we can protect and look after God's Creation.

You can help by discussing how we look after the wonderful world God has made for us. Talk to your children about recycling and make sure they help sort out rubbish at home and when you are out and about.

Literacy

As readers and writers we will...

look at poems and stories and information based around the topic. The children will learn to recognise the different types of genre and to use the features they find out about in their work. We will focus on understanding sentences ensuring that children say their sentence out loud first before they attempt to write it. We will read every day in school using a mixture of whole class and guided reading sessions. Our focus will be on developing an understanding and use of different reading skills.

You can help by reading every night with and to your child. Please make a note in their record book, commenting on different aspects of their reading.

Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure

As mathematicians we will...

focus on place value and splitting numbers into tens and ones to help us understand numbers. We will use this knowledge to add two digit numbers. We will work on counting forwards and backwards up to 100. Children will also become familiar with the symbols we use in mathematics and participate in daily fluency time to make sure that they use their mathematical skills in different contexts.

You can help by practising counting as often as you can. Make sure your child recognises numbers and has time to practise forming their numbers correctly. Point out numbers all around you and discuss how many ones and tens a number has.

Science

As scientists we will...

learn about our bodies and name and label different external body parts. We will be using songs to help us with this.

We will also look at what humans and other animals need to stay alive. The children will be asked to sort and classify and give reasons for their choices.

You can help by playing games like 'Simon says...' and singing 'Heads shoulders knees and toes.'

PSHE

We will begin with some getting to know you sessions and establishing our class rules. We will then go on to look at the ways in which we are similar and the things that make us unique. We will think about how we can have a healthy lifestyle and the benefits of physical activity, rest, healthy eating and dental health.

You can help by talking about ways in which your child is special and thinking about what makes them unique.

Expressive Arts and Design

As artists and designers we will...

use first-hand experience to draw self-portraits. The children will also take photographs of each other and use these in their art work. They will make frames to display photos in.

You can help by getting children to look closely at their features in a mirror and to talk about what they notice.

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History / Geography

As geographers we will...

think about where we live and we will be finding out what it is like to live in another country.

As historians we will...

ask the children to bring in photos of when they were babies and compare and talk about how they have changed.

You can help by talking about how your child has changed since they were a baby.

Computing

As digital citizens we will...

learn how to log into and find our way around the Purple Mash website. The children will learn to save work in a folder and then to access this later. We will use the data resources to sort, group and generate pictograms.

You can help by reminding children how to stay safe online.

PE / Physical Development

As athletes we will...

master basic skills as well as taking part in gym sessions and we will be learning how to make different body shapes.

You can help by ensuring children have a named PE kit in school throughout the week.

Music

As musicians we will ...

learn songs about ourselves. Our music lessons will focus on South African style music. Our theme is 'Hands, feet, heart.'

You can help by asking the children to sing the songs to you, or teach them any you know about themselves so they can sing them to the class.