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As theologians we will be... learning about Sacraments and how these are encounters with God. We will move on to Advent and then Christmas. We will think about how we prepare for Christmas and what we celebrate at Christmas.

You can help by: talking at home about any sacraments you have witnessed. (Baptisms, weddings, Holy Communion at mass.) If you have photos of your child's baptism we would love to see them!

Literacy

As readers and writers we will be... listening to and writing seasonal poetry. We will use our senses to generate a bank of words, to magpie and use in our poems. We will go on to learn and recite stories and non-fiction material based on our theme. We will continue to develop their sense of what a sentence looks and sounds like and how to punctuate it correctly. We have a particular focus on developing new vocabulary in all areas of our learning.

You can help by: reading to your child each night to help develop a love for books. Give them time to read to you, and share books with them. Make sure you practise their spellings daily. This can be on Purple Mash as well as in their LSCW books.

Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure

As mathematicians we will be... focussing on using money to solve addition and subtraction calculations. We will be moving on to multiplication and division, where we will be focusing on knowing our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will also be learning what multiply and divide mean and using this to solve problems.

You can help by: making sure your child recognises the coins we use. Play games like seeing how many different ways you can make the same amount e.g. 25p.

Practise counting in 2s, 5s, 10s, forwards and backwards and begin to learn your times tables for these numbers.

Science

As scientists we will be... learning about the four seasons. We will look at the different types of weather associated with each season. We will learn about the changes that take place with plants and trees during the autumn and winter period and learn the names for the trees that lose their leaves and those that don't.

You can help by: Collecting leaves and identifying and naming the trees they have come from. Discussing the weather and the seasons and listening to the weather forecast.

PSHE

We are going to be learning that household products, including medicines, can be harmful if not used properly. We will learn to identify and describe ways of keeping safe around household products (including medicines). We will also talk about people we can trust to tell us to put things onto and into our bodies.

You can help by: talking with your children about how you store medicines safely and keep household products out of reach.

Expressive Arts and Design

As artists and designers we will be... mixing paint and matching autumn colours. We will make leaf prints and, using the artist Andy Goldsworthy as inspiration, will create some art work outdoors.

You can help by: having a go at making artwork using fallen leaves and take photos to share with us.

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What time is it?



History / Geography

As geographers we will be... thinking about the question "How does the weather affect our lives?" We will be linking our learning closely with our science. We will be looking at the changes in the weather during each season. We will make a chart to record what the weather has been like each day.

As historians we will be... learning about Remembrance Day.
You can help by: talking about the weather and how it has changed.

Computing

As digital citizens we will be... continuing to familiarise ourselves with Purple Mash and learn to save and find our work. The children will learn how to search for words and use the topic section to add things to their work.

You can help by: logging in and checking for home learning tasks.

PE / Physical development

As dancers we will be... learning to create different body shapes and link these actions together to create a motif. We will be developing movements in a controlled way and learn to watch and perform. We will be using the seasons as stimulus.

You can help by: watching how things in nature move and use your body to move in a similar way.

Music

As musicians we will be... listening to and appraising music and finding the pulse with our body. We will be thinking about how raps and songs are different and similar. We will be playing instruments and performing.

You can help by: listening to different types of music together, talk about what you like and dislike about them.