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This term we start off with a focus on Easter. We will continue to look at the Easter story.

We will then look at Pentecost and Spreading the Word. We learn about the church and the Word of God. We will then have a focus on reconciliation.

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

English

We will begin by using "Jack and the Beanstalk" as a basis for our writing, developing ways to construct basic sentences using conjunctions. We will also learn how to use other writing devices to create specific effects. Phonics, spelling and reading will remain priority for all children to help them with any gaps in their learning. In order to help with this, please read **EVERY** night with your child and note this in their record book.

We will continue to focus on ensuring that the children have lots of opportunities to write and we will try to support them in their stamina and handwriting.

You can help by: ensuring that the children know all the spellings of key words for their year group.

Mathematics

We will be focussing on length and measure at the beginning of this term. We will concentrate on the vocabulary we use in relation to measuring length and height and we will be measuring things using standard and non standard measurements. We will then focus on position and direction, which again has a strong focus on vocabulary. To help us catch up with learning missed due to lockdowns, we will also be doing a daily fluency challenge. This will help us use the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) confidently. We will practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, remembering doubles and halves and number bonds to numbers under 20.

You can help by: practising any of the above skills. Counting in multiples of 2s, 5s and 10s, forwards and backwards, will be very helpful to your child.

Science

We will be thinking about how to keep plants healthy and making predictions about where, in our school environment, different plants grow. We will be looking at seeds and bulbs and observing some plants as they grow.

You can help by: learning the names of the plants in your garden or having a go at growing some vegetables or flowers at home and talking about how to care for them.

PSHE

We will be talking about safe and unsafe situations, including online. We will recognise things that we do to stay safe and discuss the difference between 'good' and 'bad' secrets and talk about who they can trust if they are troubled. We will revisit the NSPCC "PANTS" rules about body privacy.

We will go on to look learn that medicines are drugs, but learn that not all drugs are good for us.

You can help by: talking to your children about how to stay safe in different situations and who can help if they need it.

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How does your garden grow?

How can we take care of our local outdoor spaces?



We will be gaining confidence at logging on independently. We will be using "2paint" to paint pictures focusing on the art of Monet, Degas, Mondrian and William Morris. We will then learn to make music digitally by using "2sequence".

You can help by: asking your child to show what they have been learning on Purple Mash and encouraging independence on the computer. However, it is important that you continue to be aware what your child is doing on the computer.

Computing

PE / Physical Development

Coach Ben's sessions will continue to take place on Fridays. On Mondays, we will be focussing on ball skills in relation to Rounders. We will practise running, catching and using a Rounders bat.

Music

Our music this half term is based on the unit called "Friendship Song". The children will learn to clap rhythms, sing and play and improvise.

Expressive Arts and Design

In this topic, the children will look at the work of the artist Georgia O'Keeffe. They will make a series of quick sketches of plants using different media and will go on to make prints by pressing objects into modelling dough.

You can help by: encouraging children to draw plants and flowers at home - observing details carefully.

History / Geography

This half term our focus is history. We will be learning about the local area, which will include the history of Dartmoor prison and the battle of Trafalgar. We will then think about local people in the First World War and look at a local monument.

You can help by: talking about local history to your child and by pointing out any memorials you see and discussing why they are there.