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As theologians we will... learn about reconciliation - being 'sorry'. Every human being is offered the power to reach out in forgiveness and peace, to receive and to offer reconciliation. Later in the term, we will think about what makes a good neighbour and how we can look out for others. At the end of the term we will explore other faiths.

You can help by: having moments of reflection with your child to feel closer to God and by showing kindness. You can also discuss other faiths.

English

As readers and writers, we will... draw on our phonics skills to continue to develop our reading and writing. We will start the term with the text 'Posy', a poem that tells us about the mischief of a cute kitten. We will learn the poem off by heart and use that as a basis for creating our own versions.

By doing this, we will be developing our vocabulary, writing stamina and understanding of poetry.

You can help by: listening to your child read EVERY day and sending in a picture of your pet or favourite animal.

Numbers, Shape, Space and Measure

As mathematicians we will... continue to consolidate previous learning as well as transferring our knowledge into new areas of maths. We will begin with understanding Direction and Position where we will learn about movement and apply our understanding of halves and quarters. Then, the children continue to develop their understanding of Place Value. Here, we start with numbers within 10, 20 and 50 to ensure understanding of this before moving on to look at numbers within 100. From here, we will learn about money. This is where our knowledge of place value comes in handy. To finish, the children will learn the basics of telling the time.

You can help by: ensuring that your child knows their left and right, practises counting in 2's, 5's and 10's to 100 and beyond and read the time with your child using a classic clock face.

Science

As scientists we will... learn about living things and their habitats with a focus on minibeasts. We have amazing outdoor space here at St Mary's where we will be able to use our observation skills to identify the range of wonderful creatures.

You can help by: taking care of our environment and talking to your child about nature.

PSHE

We will learn about the Holy Trinity and that God is love: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We will discuss what it means to be a neighbour and use the story of the Good Samaritan to discuss how we can help others. Children will learn what a community is, and that God calls us to live in community with one another and that we have a duty of care to our world and to help others.

You can help by: looking at the TEN TEN resources online and talking to your child about the community you live in. You could also discuss the idea of how a food bank helps others.

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All Creatures



Great and Small

As digital citizens we will... explore Purple Mash, an educational online tool that enables children to understand computing in today's world. We will be touching upon algorithms, online safety and spreadsheets and putting computational thinking into practice. **You can help by:** encouraging your child to use Purple Mash at home to complete any "2D's" set.

PE

As athletes we will... continue to develop our gross motor skills by starting athletics. We will also learn new bat and ball games. **You can help by:** ensuring PE kits and plimsolls are named, still fit and are worn to school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Expressive Arts and Design

As artists and designers we will... learn about how a windmill works, looking at the structure and designing and making our own windmill for a mouse. The children will use a net / template to design their windmill. We will evaluate our design and seek to improve our decorations or adapt our designs.

You can help by: finding out how a windmill works, finding out what the word turbine means!

History / Geography

As historians we will... continue our learning about the First World War - the focus this term is on how animals helped in the war particularly horses and carrier pigeons. We will discuss how communication methods have changed over time and how the military, rescue and support service organisations in Britain today are still using animals.

You can help by: finding out what a carrier pigeon is.

Music – Expressive Arts

As musicians we will... reflect on the music we have used over the year, preparing for a performance of songs and activities from each topic. One activity will be to create an 8-bar composition for a group to play on the glockenspiel.

You can help by: listening to a range of music – from classical, rap, pop and funk. There is a whole world of sound waiting to be discovered!