



Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

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Teacher	Mrs Pillar and Mrs Hitch Mrs Grout, Mrs Neill and Mrs Avery	Class	Reception
TAs			
Term	2		

Welcome to Term 2!

Our learning will start with a bang as we learn about the celebration of Bonfire Night and Fireworks. Our topic this term is 'Are we nearly there yet?' which has a focus on Journeys. We will use some familiar stories to think about journeys through different settings. We will begin with re-telling 'We are going on a Bear Hunt' and then changing the character and setting to create our own versions. We will look at different types of journeys through texts such as 'Whatever Next' and the story of 'The Nativity'. The children will learn about simple maps and learn some key vocabulary relating to journeys and settings.

In phonics, we will be building on the skills that we have developed last term. We will be learning to use the sounds that we now know to read and write simple words.

Later in the term we will be learning about the celebration of Christmas and exploring the changes of the seasons as we move into Winter.

Main Areas of Learning to be covered

Understanding of the world:

- We will look closely at the changes of season. During our outdoor learning on the field, we will explore nature.
- We will learn about the celebration of Bonfire night and Christmas
- We will learn about Remembrance Day

Physical Development and PE:

- We will be developing the children's gross motor skills in the outdoor learning area, sessions such as 'Squiggle while you Wiggle' and 'Dough Disco'
- **PE sessions continue to be on a Wednesday and a Friday.** In PE we will be learning about moving and travelling in different ways.

Expressive art and design:

- We will be expressing out ideas through singing, role play, music and different art forms. We will enjoy painting, printing, junk modelling, playdough and a variety of different materials, tools and techniques.

RE:

- We will be learning about why Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas and learning the story and





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songs for our Nativity.

Literacy:

- We will enjoy retelling the story of 'We are going on a Bear Hunt' and learning how to change the character and the setting to tell our own stories.

Phonics:

- We will consolidate the single sounds: s a t p i n m d g o c k e u r b h f l. We will use these sounds to begin to read and write simple words. We will then move on to teaching some of the phase 3 sounds.

Maths: We are focusing on numbers 1-5 this term.

- The children are learning to subitise amounts to 5 (saying how many are there without counting.)
- Say one more or less than a number
- Find simple addition or subtraction facts related to a number

Homework

Please enjoy reading a book with your child every day. Children will bring a book home with them to read to you this term. They may be wordless books to begin with but remember to use the guidance inside the front cover to support you with how to enjoy these books with your child.

Please also use the set of flashcards that we have provided to practise the sounds with your child. If your child is confident with all the sounds, you can use the sounds to build cvc words and ask your child to read them e.g. hat, sun, got, bag, dig, pot, run...

Christian Value

Each term we will focus on a different school value. This term, our whole school value is Independence. Throughout the term, we will explore this value in our classrooms and during whole school collective worship.

Each Friday we will continue to present our Light Awards to children who have been showing our school values in action.

Please see our term 2 Values Flyer for more information.

