



Termly Curriculum Overview Letter

We are a 'light in the darkness', living life to the full, worshipping and working so that everyone may flourish and achieve their God-given potential



St John's Meads CE Primary School
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Teacher	Mrs Loaring and Mrs Hitch Mrs Grout, Mrs Neill and Mrs Avery	Class	Reception
TAs			
Term	4		

Welcome to Term 4!

This term our topic is New Life.

As we move into spring, the children will be exploring the natural changes happening around us. We will be looking closely for signs of spring, including buds on trees, new flowers appearing, longer days and (hopefully!) some sunshine. The children will take part in outdoor nature walks and use their observational skills to spot seasonal changes.

We are very lucky this term to have real frogspawn in the classroom. The children will watch the frogspawn develop into tadpoles and, eventually, froglets. This provides a wonderful opportunity to learn about the life cycle of a frog and to observe changes first-hand. We will be using books, videos and simple scientific vocabulary to deepen their understanding.

Another exciting event is the arrival of Living Eggs. We will receive a special incubator containing chicken eggs, and the children will be able to watch them hatch safely in the classroom. This magical experience helps the children learn about growth, change and caring for living things. Once the chicks hatch, the children will help look after them and observe how quickly they grow.

As part of our topic, we will also be celebrating World Bee Day, and we will be welcoming a Beekeeper to visit the children and talk about the importance of bees in our environment.

Towards the end of term, we will be learning about the Easter story, exploring its meaning within the Christian faith. The children will take part in simple discussions, role-play, craft activities, and our school Easter celebrations. We will focus on themes of new life, hope and kindness.

Our learning this term will be based around seasonal changes, lifecycles and learning from religious stories and celebrations.



Independence



Generosity



Honesty



Teamwork





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Understanding the World

- Observe seasonal changes (signs of spring).
- Notice patterns in the natural world.
- Explore growth, decay and changes over time.
- Learn how to care for living things.

Physical Development and PE

We will continue developing the children's gross motor skills in the outdoor area.

PE sessions remain on **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

This term we will focus on:

- Hopping
- Skipping
- Jumping

Expressive Arts and Design

Our focus this term will be:

- Constructing for strength
- Exploring different textures
- Using natural materials creatively

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We will be exploring **The Easter Story**, learning about its meaning within the Christian faith.

Literacy

We will be:

- Developing our understanding of fiction and non-fiction texts
- Using *how* and *why* questions to deepen comprehension
- Learning and applying digraphs and trigraphs (ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo...)
- Blending to read CVCC and CCVC words



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- Reading longer sentences
- Building an increasing bank of tricky words

Writing will focus on fluency, consistency and controlled sentence writing

Maths

This term we are focusing on:

- Numbers **9 and 10**
- The composition of 9 and 10
- Practising number bonds to 10
- Finding one more and one less than 10
- Estimating a number of objects

Homework

- Please continue to support your child by listening to them read their Little Wandle independent reading book. These will continue to be changed once a week.
- This term, we will also be sending home 'Tricky Word Bookmarks' to help the children learn to read and spell their tricky words. Please practise reading and writing these words with your child regularly at home, if you can—little and often makes a big difference.

Christian Value

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

