

Reception Curriculum Newsletter

This half term in Reception our focus books are 'The Jolly Postman' and 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We will also be preparing for the Christmas Nativity.

Numeracy

Topic: It's me 1,2,3!

Number:

- Representing 1,2 & 3
- Comparing 1,2 & 3
- Composition of 1,2 & 3

Measure, shape and spatial thinking:

- Circles and triangles
- Positional Language

Topic: Light and Dark

Number:

- Repeating numbers to 5
- 1 more and 1 less

Measure, shape and spatial thinking:

- Shapes with 4 sides

Personal, Social and emotional development

Handmade With Love

Learning that we are made by God as we are and loved by Him.

Me, My Body and My Health

I Am Me - We are made in God's image- celebrating our uniqueness

Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Our bodies are good and made by God

Ready Teddy?

Looking after our bodies (exercise/ sleep/diet/hygiene)

Online Safety

Childnet- Smartie the Penguin- online story

Pop ups- in app purchases- inappropriate websites for older children- cyberbullying

Literacy

Picture books with elements of traditional tales

- Writing a letter to one of the characters and to Santa

Phonics:

- Systematic everyday phonics sessions with a focus on orally segmenting and blending simple CVC words
- Focus on oral blending and segmenting simple words. Using our 'robot talk' we will be learning to listen to sounds within words and to remember them in the order in which they occur as well as to identify objects when sounding out the word

Understanding the world

As part of our focus on The Jolly Postman, we will look at the role of a Post person and the history of the Royal Mail. We will also explore the process of sending mail.

RE

In RE, our topics this half term are;

Welcome - Baptism: a welcome to God's family

Advent/Christmas - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday

Expressive arts and design

During music sessions, the children will explore playing co-operatively through the Musical Dots. They will also learn the *Sharing Song*.

The children will continue to be encouraged to explore colour mixing. They will use various media to create Christmas Collages.

There will also be a focus on performing the Nativity Story.

Communication and Language

- Focusing on back and forth interactions between adult and child and peer on peer interactions
- Encouraging children to use active listening skills in order to respond appropriately during story sessions and small group focused activities.
- Encouraging children to respond using full sentences and using subject specific vocabulary.

Physical Development

- Focus on tripod pencil grip
- Daily handwriting practise using Dough Disco and Squiggle and Wiggle to explore gross and fine motor skills
- Games and locomotion movement skills to develop spatial awareness