Gospel Values

The Gospel Values are at the heart of all we do and inspire our work

Humility, seeing life as a gift

Compassion, empathy

Kindness, gentleness

Justice, working for a fairer world

Forgiveness, reconciliation

Integrity, do what you say

Peace, committed to peace making, non violence

Courage, standing up for truth

PSED Starting school can be an emotional time so this term we will be focussing on our feelings and how to express them in the right way. We will be thinking about how to make friends with our peers and form positive relationships. We will use Trick Box training to help us find strategies to manage our feelings. In our PSED sessions we will learn that we are uniquely created by God and special because we are made and loved by Him.

Physical Development We shall be exploring ways to move such as running, jumping, crawling and hopping. We will be having PE with Mr Treble on a Wednesday- this term we will be covering multi-skills; learning basic skills such as throwing, catching and rolling. We will also be developing our fine motor control through Fiddly Fingers; this will help us with holding a pencil, cutting with scissors and threading activities.

Maths In Maths we will be learning about number and what a number means. We will be finding ways to make a given number, the way it is represented through a numeral and one more/less. We will be learning to compare and sort quantities using our number knowledge to explain. We will also explore 2D shapes and their properties, looking for them in our environment.

RE

We begin our year with the story of Creation; discovering how God created the world and thinking about the wonder of Creation and all the ways we can celebrate the gifts God has given us.

We will also be exploring how we come together as part of God's family when we are baptised; we will look at the symbols of baptism and share pictures of our own baptisms.



Characteristics Of Effective Learning

At St Mary's we want our children to be the best they can be, we encourage a love of learning through our Characteristics:

Go for it Gorilla: I will have a go

Editing Elephant: I can edit and improve my work

Creative Chameleon: I have my own ideas

Concentrating Crocodile: I join in and concentrate

Persevering Parrot: I keep trying

Proud Peacock: I am proud of what I do

Maurward Topic Web: Autumn 1



Communication And Language This is an important aspect of our learning as it underpins a lot of the other areas. We will be working on our listening skills through hearing stories and rhymes about Autumn as well as learning to converse with others. We are going to be developing our speech to ensure what we are saying can be understood. We shall also be learning new vocabulary linked to our Focus Book.

Understanding Of The World

During this term we shall be getting to know each other and finding out about our families. We will sequence the events of the day using a visual timetable. We will also be looking for signs of Autumn and identifying the changes that are happening in the seasons.

Exploring Art And Design We are going to be exploring our creativity through music, art and role play. We will be retelling stories using puppets and making up our own narratives in our play. Whilst painting we will be learning about colours and how to change them and we will have opportunities to create beautiful Autumn pictures. Through music we will be exploring rhythm and rhythmic patterns.





Literacy Throughout this term the children will be learning a range of skills to prepare them for reading and writing. Our Focus Book for this half term is Peace At Last by Jill Murphy and our literacy tasks will be based around this text. We follow the Read, Write Inc phonics scheme and we will be learning the first sounds in set 1 (more information can be found in the documents section on Tapestry).