

### 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



### R.E.

We will be talking about celebrations, the celebrations we share as a family and the celebrations of the Church which are community occasions. We will look at the different elements of celebrations such as party food, decorations and songs and games.

We will learn about Jesus' presentation at the temple and the meeting with Simeon and Anna.

### 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**

## Space- What's out there

### Reception

Spring

Term



### Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Reception have made lots of positive friendships since starting **school**. We will be meeting an alien who has landed on a strange planet and needs a good friend. This will help us develop an awareness of aware of how others feel and how to solve problems.

We will be trying to develop our confidence enabling us to think about what we are good at and share our ideas when facing a new activity or challenge. Linked to this, we are going to be thinking about when we need help and who may help us if we are stuck.

### Communication and Language

Our topic this half term gives the children a lot of opportunity to learn new vocabulary, ask questions and explain their own knowledge. The children will be undertaking a project for their home learning and will be sharing that information with their friends.

We will also continue our Talk for Writing with some focus stories linked to our topic that the children will learn. Our first story will be How to Catch a Star. Once we have learnt the story we will then make changes to create our own!

### PSHE

In our SCARF/SEAL groups we will be developing our ability to listen to each other, respect another person's choice or differences and to problem solve in a good way. We will be finding out about how to keep healthy and make healthy choices in addition to helping Harold the Giraffe make good choices.

### Forest School

In Forest School we will be learning about our boundaries and to respect our log circle. Once this is in place we will begin having fires and cooking outside. We will be learning about the different trees that grow on our site and how the seasons change them. We will look at how we can care for wildlife in Winter such as making bird feeders and hedgehog houses. In Forest School we also have some time to explore, climbing trees, digging in the mud and rolling down the mound.

### Physical Development

This term our focus in PE is dance. We will continue our Funky Fingers work helping us to build our fine motor muscles for writing.

We will be thinking about how to look after ourselves and keep healthy to advise our new alien friend on healthy food and exercise.

### Understanding the World

For our topic we will be finding out about astronauts such as Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong and their achievements. We will also be learning lots about the different planets, what the moon is like and parts of a rocket. We will be introducing our alien friend to Earth and making observations/comparisons of our outside environment with the alien's planet. We will be demonstrating our knowledge of technology and learning how to use iPads and computers for a range of reasons.

### Home Learning Project

Our topic is Space. Please choose an aspect of Space and find out about it. The children will present their project in class so please hand in on 5th February.

### Exploring Art and Design

The children will be combining media to create different effects and exploring how colours can be made/changed. We will think carefully about how to use tools and techniques in order to complete a project. This term we will be designing and making different creative projects linked to our topic such as making an alien sock puppet, junk modelling, rocket making and making an alien music piece. We will be thinking about the creations we have made; what we like and what we would like to make better next time.

### Maths

We will be learning about different 2D & 3D shapes. We will use mathematical language to describe shapes and their properties. During our shape investigations we will discover how to make patterns and pictures with them.

We will be counting to 20 and using our number knowledge to make number sentences and using the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting. We will be solving mathematical problems.

### Ideas for your Project:

Share stories about chosen topic and post observation on Tapestry

Collect / draw pictures

Make a rocket model

Make and decorate an alien mask

Poster

Model planet

Learn a song

Make a video documentary sharing some facts

### Literacy

The children have been brilliant at learning their set 1 sounds and we will begin learning set 2. This can be confusing so lots of home support is needed. (refer to Tapestry for our new sounds each week.) In Talk4Writing we will be learning How to Catch a Star and making adaptations to form our own story. We are going to be accessing lots of books linked to our topic and finding out new information about astronauts, planets and rockets. The children are going to be working on being an independent writer and knowing what resources will help if they get stuck.

### Subjects you could find out about:

Famous astronauts

Planets

Moon

Stars/meteors

Rockets

Please note this is not intended to be a huge undertaking, if you contribute a little each week to the project it will make a wonderful project for your child to share.

Any questions please feel free to see me!

Happy project making.

