

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

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This half term we will be looking at the topic of 'Myself' and talking about how each and every one of us are important to God. Our next topic is 'Welcome' and is all about being welcomed into the church. During this topic we will be discussing the sacrament of Baptism and looking at photos of our own Baptism. We are also learning to make the sign of the cross and joining in with our school prayers.



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

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. Our focus story is 'It was a Cold, Dark Night' which is about a little hedgehog looking for a home over winter. We will think about how he feels at different points of the story.

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 including the topic words on our knowledge organisers!

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

Understanding Of The World

During this term we shall be getting to know each other and finding out about our families. 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. We will be learning about colours and how to change them whilst creating our own Autumn pictures and hedgehog models using clay.

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 begin to explore 2D shapes and their properties looking for them in our environment.



Literacy Throughout this term the children will be learning a range of skills to prepare them for reading and writing. We will be learning the story 'It was a Cold, Dark Night' and then adapting it to create our own. In Phonics we will begin learning to read our set 1 sounds, how to blend and segment simple CVC words and forming letters.

Dates

Wb 17.09.21 Will be Nursery Rhyme week we shall be looking at a different Nursery Rhyme each day and then doing something fun linked to it.

7th October is our Harvest day- If you have any apples in your garden please collect them as we will be making juice. The children will be wearing their garden/home clothes on this day.

Home Learning Autumn Term

Please find out about Autumn or an aspect of Autumn such as Harvest, environment, weather or animals. Each week complete a part of your project and then bring in the finished piece on 11th October. Your child will be presenting it to the rest of the class.

Some ideas: poster, model, make a game, go on an Autumn walk and take photos, make a film, learn a poem.. Your child can present their project in whichever form they wish.

