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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On February 2nd (Candlemas) light a candle and think about Jesus the Light of the World.

R.E.

We will be learning about Jesus' presentation

at the Temple and Simeon's prophecy that Je-

Presentation celebrates the coming of the Light

sus would be a light to the nations. The

of the World; a light in the darkness.



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

Our topic this term is Keeping Safe: we will talk about people who help us, safety indoors and outdoors and what is safe to go into my body (medicines etc.).



Kingston Topic Web Spring 1: Parties



Communication and Language

This half term we will be concentrating on Rhythm and Rhyme. We will be taking part in rhyming activities and identifying simple rhythms. Learning songs and rhymes is very important in Early Years and we will be focussing on our 10 Core Rhymes.

Physical Development

Mr Knox teaches us PE on Wednesday morning. This half term we will be focussing on dance moves: moving with increasing confidence and fluidity. We have daily Funky Feet and Fiddly Fingers activities to develop our gross and fine motor skills.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at patterns: this will include musical patterns, patterns in the environment and simple repeating patterns. We will try to continue a simple repeating pattern and have a go at creating our own patterns.

Understanding of the world

As part of our topic on parties and presents we will be talking about toys; we will compare our favourite toys to the toys that other children prefer. We will also look at the toys and games enjoyed by children in other parts of the world.





Exploring Art and Design

We will be using different media, materials and resources to create patterns. We will look at patterns created in the natural world and use natural resources to make our own patterns. We will listen to simple musical patterns and try to copy them.

Literacy

This half term our Focus Books are based on the theme of parties and presents. Our Talk For Writing text is the traditional tale of The Little Red Hen. Helen Oxenbury's 'It's My Birthday' is a retelling of this tale and we will discuss the differences/similarities between the stories.