



## Curriculum Newsletter - April 2021

Dear Parents,

Here is a list of the 7 areas of learning in the Foundation Stage and what the children will be taught in each area. This is to help you support your child's learning at home. Please remember, every child develops at their own pace. The aims listed below are for the next term and may be continued into the Summer Term. Our topics this term are 'Growth' and 'People Who Help Us', but we will also be following the children's interests.

### **Personal Social and Emotional development:**

- To be able to confidently talk openly in class
- To have a secure understanding of the rules
- To be able to describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities
- To be able to take steps to resolve conflicts

### **Physical development:**

- To show awareness of the space around them
- To be able to catch and kick a ball
- To balance and travel on apparatus in PE
- To be able to express themselves and use imagination in dance
- To understand the need for a healthy diet and healthy lifestyle
- To be able to hold a pencil correctly

### **Communication and language:**

- To follow instructions
- To be able to give detailed explanations (e.g. discussing something that they have made during independent learning or recalling an event)
- To be able to join in with repetitive/rhyming stories
- To be able to use their imagination when telling stories
- To be able to ask appropriate questions about their interests and learning



## Literacy:

- To be able to write phonetically plausible words and spell some common irregular words
- To be confident in reading all single sounds and also sounds with two or three letters in (digraphs and trigraphs)
- To be able to write sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- To be able to recognise 'tricky words'
- To be able to read simple books fluently
- To be able to show good understanding of the books they have read

## Mathematics:

- To be able to recognise, order numbers and write numbers to 20
- To understand simple addition and subtraction
- To be able to recognise 2D and 3D shapes
- To be able to have an understanding of time and money
- To be able to describe objects according to weight, height, length and capacity

## Understanding the world:

- To understand the importance of life and show care and consideration for living things and the environment
- To look at and discuss growth, change and decay
- To learn that they must say safe when using technology (e.g. apps on an iPad or games on the computer)

## Expressive Arts and Design:

- To be able to choose the correct tools to create designs using their imagination
- To be able to create observational drawings of plants and things in season
- To be able to plan and then create objects
- To be able to use their imagination to design and create things and solve problems if they occur



**Religious Education:**

Our RE topic this term are 'From Easter to Pentecost.'

The children will learn about:

- The Resurrection of Jesus
- Signs and symbols of new life
- Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to his disciples
- Jesus' ascension to heaven
- The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
- The gifts of the Holy Spirit

We will also be learning about Mary, her role in the church, the rosary, her ascension into heaven and the children will receive their miraculous medals.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Early Years Team