



Dear Parents / Carer,

I have been really proud of the children and the progress that they are making. We are now in the summer term and are enjoying starting some new topics. Here is some information about some of the things that we will be learning about in school.

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| <p>Communication and Language</p> <p>Literacy</p> | <p>The children will continue to develop their reading, writing and language skills. This will include :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speaking in sentences to explain things• Role-play activities• Following more complex instructions• Writing down the sounds that they can hear in words in the correct order• Leave spaces between words and start to write on a line• Read and write common tricky words• Form letters correctly• Blending sounds together to read simple words• Talking about things they have read or had read to them• Read and write simple sentences |
| <p>Phonics</p> | <p>The children will continue to learn new sounds and tricky words. They will practise blending the sounds together to read and breaking words into sounds (segmenting) to spell.</p> |
| <p>Mathematics</p> | <p>The children will continue to develop their understanding of number, shapes and measurement. They will do lots of activities working on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counting forwards and backwards to 20• Forming numbers correctly• Ordering numbers• Simple addition and subtraction• Telling the time (o'clock) and talking about days and months• Investigating length, height, weight and capacity• Learning about 2-d and 3-d shapes |
| <p>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</p> | <p>The children will learn to play with other children, sharing and taking turns. We will be talking about how to be respectful towards others and to be sensitive to the needs of others. The children will be encouraged to find activities to work on independently and to persevere to complete things to a high standard. We will continue to learn about rights and rules and how to make good decisions about behaviour.</p> |

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| Understanding the World | <p>The children will be learning that changes have occurred over time. The children will learn about past and present events in the lives of family members. They will investigate similarities and differences between themselves and others.</p> <p>They will also investigate the similarities and differences in places, animals, plants and objects. We will learn about features in our immediate environment and how environments may vary. The children will be encouraged to make observations of things they have seen.</p> <p>We will learn about how technology is used at home and at school and about different types of technology. The children will be able to use a range of different technology, including Bee-bots, cameras and iPads.</p> |
| Expressive Arts and Design | <p>The children will complete lots of art and craft activities to do with our topics. They will also have lots of opportunities to sing songs, make music and dance. They will be able to use lots of different resources and materials to make paintings, drawings, models and collages. We will learn about mixing colours and the children will be able to experiment with this. The children will also be given lots of opportunities to take part in role-play activities and will be involved in setting up a role-play area.</p> |
| Physical Development | <p>The children will be learning football skills with a coach from Sunderland. The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through things like cutting, threading beads and drawing. They will work on their gross motor skills through PE lessons, where we will be doing throwing, jumping and running, and also when playing in our outside area.</p> <p>We will be looking at things we can do to be healthy and will be learning about the importance of healthy eating, sleep and exercise.</p> |
| RE | <p>Children will learn about holy days and that Pentecost is a holy day when Christians celebrate the gifts of the Holy Spirit. They will also learn about the meaning of reconciliation, and that we have choice, and that God helps us to choose well and to be sorry, and that God forgives us. Finally, they will learn that the Church is universal, and that everyone is our neighbour and is loved by God.</p> |

Thank you for the support you give your child at home. It is so important that you hear your child read every night, even if it just for a few minutes. Please can you also make sure that they have their sound and word pack in school every day and have been practising with them. The children also need to be able to read and spell the tricky words which are in the pack and your help with this is so valuable.

The children use lots of different resources for all the activities that we do. We try to include cooking activities regularly and also make play dough on a weekly basis. We are therefore going to start a baking fund and would be very grateful if you could send money into school to contribute to this. Your voluntary donations of 50p a week would be much appreciated and we thank you in advance. Please come and see me if you have any questions.

Kind Regards
Miss Niven