

## Communication and Language

We will be introducing circle time, where there will be the opportunity for the children to share their ideas about different themes and to develop their listening skills. There will be lots of chances to listen to stories and share books. The children will build an understanding of the stories and learn new vocabulary. They will also be learning new rhymes.

## Physical Development

We will be working on developing the children's fine motor skills by taking part in different activities such as threading, dough gym and making models with construction kits. The children will also be practising using tools correctly to help develop their pencil grip and control.

There will be opportunities for the children to experiment with different ways of moving and take part in gymnastics and dance activities during our PE lessons.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be helping the children to settle into the daily routines and to become happy and confident at school. We will be encouraging the children to play together and develop friendships with each other, listening to each other and sharing the resources. We will be encouraging the children to express and moderate their own feelings.

## Literacy

We will have a daily phonics lesson, learning letter sounds through our phonic programme 'Letters and Sounds.' This will help the children to hear and write the initial sounds of words and to start to blend sounds into words. The children will be learning to retell stories by using repeated phrases and actions to help them. They will also be starting to make story maps. The children will be looking at non-fiction books.

## Class 1 Autumn 2021

To start with our topic in Class 1 is 'All About Me.'

The children's interests will continually be used to inform the direction in which our topic takes. Our whole school topic week this term is 'World Food Week.'

## Maths

We will be looking at the numbers to 5. The children will be learning to compare them and learning how to represent them in different ways. They will also be learning about the composition of the numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children will be learning rhymes and taking part in games to help them to count and match numerals to objects. The children will be starting to find one more and one less than a number. They will be learning about 2D shapes and how to make simple patterns.

## Religious Education

The children will be answering the questions 'Why is the word 'God' special to Christians?' and 'Why is Christmas special to Christians?' They will be looking at stories from the Bible.

## Understanding the World

The children will be encouraged to talk about themselves and their families. They will be learning about people in the community. They will develop an understanding of different cultures.

The children will be given the opportunity to explore the natural world around them and they will be taking part in Forest Schools sessions. They will be learning about Autumn and what happens during the season. There will be opportunities to use different types of technology such as the interactive whiteboard and iPad's.

## How you can help

Talk to your child about our topic.  
Read your child's books with them and practise their keywords. Read stories to your child, talking about what has been read.  
Learn to say and write the sounds in their sound books.  
Practise the Maths Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRF's)  
Thank you!

## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be encouraged to develop their imagination and introduce storylines to their pretend play by playing in the role play area and with the small world toys. We will be learning new songs which we can sing together. The children will be learning about colours and using a variety of media such as drawing, painting and printing to create pictures of themselves and their families.