



“With Christ in our hearts, together we grow.”

Reception Parent Planning Week Beginning 18th March 2019

Maths

This week we will be helping the children to use their maths knowledge and skills to solve practical problems and use numbers in different ways.

The children will be learning about how to make a simple pictogram (bar graph). For example: the children will say what their favourite ice-cream flavour is and when we have collected this information we will be able to see which is the most popular. We collect information on eye colour, hair colour, favourite animal etc. to give them lots of practice.

The children will continue to practise their ‘adding’ and ‘taking away’ skills using practical objects, concentrating on being accurate.

At home: Collect some information about your family and friends. Use language such as ‘the most’ and ‘the fewest’

Farm Visit

On **Monday, the 25th March** we will be having our visit from Basil's Crew Farm.

Please remember that your child will not be able to take part in this activity unless we have received the signed consent slip sent out last week. Please make sure these are with your child's class teacher by Friday 22nd March 2019.

If you have already made a voluntary contribution to the cost of this activity we would like to thank you very much. Extra-curricular activities such as this are only possible if we get help with the cost from you, the parents.

Physical Development

In readiness for the farm visit we will be talking to the children about the ‘rules’ of being around animals. The children be given the option to handle the animals and we talk about how to do this. Hygiene is very important when taking part in an activity with animals. We will stress the importance of washing hands after touching animals and we will be supervising the children very closely to make sure they all do this.

ICT

Technology plays a very part in the lives of adults and children. It is vital that children have an understanding of technology and the wonderful things it can be used for. Remember that when using sites such as YouTube and search engines such as Google, children are vulnerable to ‘pop ups’ and ending up looking at material that is not suitable for their age. Make sure that your child is supervised when using such sites and that you have enabled parent controls on all of your devices.

This week the children will be exploring voice recorders, cameras and programmable toys called ‘Beebots’.

After the Easter break we will be sending out an ICT questionnaire to find out more about the children's ability to use computers and tablets.

RE

Our topic this week is ‘Growing’. We will be looking at how people, plants and animals grow and the things that they need to do this successfully.

We will discuss how we can grow our minds as well as our bodies.

The children will have the opportunity to grow some cress from seed and carry out some experiments to find out the best conditions for it to grow.

We will be learning the names of some baby animals such as kitten, cub, lamb, calf etc. and matching them with their parents.

We will talk about where Jesus grew up and the people who helped him to grow into a man who was loved by many.

Reading

The children are all making good progress within their phonics groups and we are helping the children to use their knowledge and skills in their reading. When reading with your child at home, help them to spot the phonics, tricky and key words that are in their phonics homework.

Writing

Shared writing – this is something that the class teacher does in collaboration with the children. First of all we will choose a topic to write about, and then come up with a list of words that we might need linked to the topic, and then we model the process of writing a sentence. The teacher will ask the children about the things they have to remember when writing. Here are some of the things the children know about writing.

Don't rush!

Capital letter at the start of the sentence

Full stop at the end of the sentence

Finger space between words

Neat handwriting

Please remember that the children are at the beginning of their writing journey and we do not expect them to be experts at this yet!

Can you help?

Please continue to bring in:
Recycling materials for children to turn into masterpieces.
Any unwanted rolls of wallpaper
Any other unused stationary such as envelopes, greeting cards etc.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to everyone who came to the parents' evenings. It was a good to talk about your child's learning, their next steps and how you can support their learning at home. Remember to ask your child's class teacher if you ever have any worries, concerns or questions.