




"With Christ in our hearts, together we grow."

Nursery Parent Planning Week Beginning 18th March 2019

Maths	Phonics Game	Letter Sounds of the Week	Notes
<p>Last week was Maths Week in Early Years. The children have had a busy week exploring and experimenting with new maths games and challenges. In particular the children loved going on a shape hunt around the school. I was very impressed that they remembered shape names and were really focused on searching for the same shapes in the environment. Every child in Nursery was able to recognise a shape in the environment. This included a circle, square, rectangle and triangle.</p> <p>The children were set a challenge to see which shapes they could see on their way home from school. I wonder how many different shapes you all managed to find.</p>	<p>The children have enjoyed playing a new phonics game called Phoneme Pop. They have had to recognise the letters and the sounds they make at the bottom of the screen in the target. Then they need to 'pop' all of the letters in bubbles which are the same as the target. The children have been saying the sound as they pop the letter.</p> <p><i>Have a go at home:</i> (Letters and sounds phoneme pop) http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/phase-2-games.html</p> 	<p>We are introducing phonics to the children using Ruth Miskin cards. These will be displayed on the Nursery parent information board each week for you to look at.</p> <p>Next week's sounds are:</p> <p>r – Down the robots back and curl over his arm.</p> <p>j – Down his body, curl and dot for his head.</p> <p><i>At home: Look out for these letters in books you share with your child. Practice saying the sounds the letters make.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Rhyme bags and story bags will be given out every Friday and need to be returned by Wednesday. Please remember they are to be used with an adult.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> For more information about phonics and how to correctly pronounce the sounds visit the website link: https://ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Letters and sounds website: http://www.letters-and-sounds.com/</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> www.teachhandwriting.co.uk</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> End of term for Nursery: Thursday 4th April 2019. Finish at 3.15pm.</p>
Farm Visit	Understanding the world	Literacy	Religious Education
<p>As part of our Understanding of the world, we have a farm visiting our school on Monday 25th March 2019. There will be the chance to approach, handle and feed the animals.</p> <p><u>If you would like your child to take part in the farm visit, please complete the form your child has taken home and return to school by Friday 22nd March 2019.</u></p> <p>As you can appreciate, the visit is a wonderful experience for the children but it is also very costly. We kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £5.00 to cover the costs of the visiting farm.</p>	<p>We will be discussing what seeds need to grow? (Light, nutrients from the soil, water, air and space).</p> <p>The children will get to sow their own seed in group time. They will learn how to sow and what they need to do to help their seed grow. The children will have a 'magic' bean called a broad bean. They will each have a stick in their pot which will have a picture of a castle on the top. The children need to look after their plant and they will be measuring how tall it is each week. There will be an exciting race to see which beanstalk reaches the castle first.</p> <p><i>At home: Talk about different plants and what they need to grow. Look at books about growing different vegetables, fruit and plants.</i></p>	<p>We will be listening to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Each key group will be thinking of actions to help them retell the story. They will also have a story map to help them follow the sequence of the story focusing on the beginning, middle and the end. They will then be retelling the story in their groups to the rest of the class.</p> <p><i>At home: Read a short story with your child. Encourage your child to think of actions to help them remember key parts in the story. Retell the story together using the actions you both came up with.</i></p>	<p>Linking to our understanding of the world, the children will be learning that spring is a time when things begin to grow.</p> <p>We will also be discussing how we grow as people and what we need in order to grow.</p> <p>The children will know and understand Lent is a time to grow in love to be more like Jesus and to look forward to Easter.</p> <p><i>At home: Talk to your child about ways in which you could grow in love within your family.</i></p>