



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

Reception Parent Planning Week Beginning 14th January 2019

<p>Communication and Language</p> <p>The ability to communicate with each other is a vital part of children’s development. Successful communication is made up of several elements including clarity of speech, body language, a wide vocabulary and the understanding of how conversations work.</p> <p>It is important that you make time to sit with your child to have face to face conversations.</p> <p>We all live busy lives but children need to feel that they have a voice and are being listened to.</p> <p>People say that conversation is an ‘art’. It takes practice and should be enjoyed by all who are taking part.</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>This week’s maths focus is recognising numbers 10 to 20 and being able to order numbers 1 to 20.</p> <p>The children will be looking at number lines to help them get the numbers in the correct order. They will be using practical resources and having a go at writing the numbers too.</p> <p><i>At home: using the number formation sheet that was sent last week as a guide, encourage and help your child to write the numbers 0 to 9.</i></p>	<p>Bug Club</p> <p>Every child has been given a letter that gives the details of how to log in to Bug Club.</p> <p>If you have any difficulties logging in please speak to your class teacher.</p> <p>This does not replace the current reading scheme and it is important that you still listen to your child read every day.</p> <p>Using the letter formation sheet that was sent last week, please help your child to learn all of the letter names and sounds. Instant recognition of the letters is key to moving children on in their reading.</p>	<p>Can you help?</p> <p>Are you a doctor, police officer, fire fighter etc? Would you like to come in and talk to the children about your profession? This would be an informal visit where children could ask questions and learn about the skills needed to help others.</p> <p>Do you have any spare paper that the children in Reception could use to draw and write on? You can appreciate that 70 children get through a lot of paper! Please hand to your child’s class teacher if you can help.</p>
<p>Physical Development</p> <p>As I have mentioned before, the development of strong hand muscles is crucial to a child’s capability to hold a pencil and form letters correctly.</p> <p>To help build these muscles and to practice hand eye co-ordination, the children will be using scissors to cut a variety of materials and cut along a line (both straight and curved).</p> <p>To be good at using scissors takes practice.</p> <p><i>At home: Children enjoy cutting and this is a very good ‘rainy day’ activity. Be sure to set the rules of what it is appropriate to cut and whether you want the children to use scissors only when supervised.</i></p>	<p>Literacy and Creativity</p> <p>Bringing stories to life is a fun way of engaging children with the structure of a story, the vocabulary of characters, beginning and end.</p> <p>This week the children will have the opportunity to act out a story that they know very well in small groups. First they will be read the story and then they will choose a character and think about the words that they will need to say to tell the story.</p> <p>We look forward to watching the results!</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>Our topic in RE is ‘Celebrating’. We will be talking about what a celebration is, and the different kinds of celebrations that can be held.</p> <p>We will discuss the celebration of birthdays, marriage, baptism and religious festivals.</p> <p><i>At home: What have you been celebrating in your family recently? You are welcome to send in a photograph of your family celebrating a special occasion for your child’s Learning Journal.</i></p>	<p>Characteristics of Effective Learning</p> <p>Finding out and exploring</p> <p>Showing curiosity about objects, events and people</p> <p>Using senses to explore the world around them</p> <p>Engaging in open-ended activity</p> <p>Showing particular interests</p>