



**Reception
Summer 1
April-May 2024**

Communication & Language

This half term the children will learn new vocabulary through a wide range of high quality texts. They will retell stories with an increased knowledge of story language. The children will use a range of props and puppets to help them to make up their own stories, with a beginning, middle and end. They will engage in story time with increased attention and will communicate in full sentences.

Physical Development

The children will continue to develop their fine motor skills through a wide range of activities, which will support the children in their handwriting and letter formation. In PE the children will be exploring movements in response to music to develop strength, balance and co-ordination. They will also develop their confidence to use a range of large and small apparatus, working co-operatively with others and taking turns.

Mathematics

This half term we will continue to recap the work covered through daily retrieval practice. The children will explore adding by counting on and taking away by counting back. They will also explore patterns within the number system, including evens and odds, double facts and halving and sharing.

Understanding the World

The children will be learning about the different roles that people have within our society. The children will compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past. They will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.

Music

In Music the children will be developing their active listening skills. They will be learning new songs and improvise music with different instruments. They will compose music based on characters and stories. They will have experience of composing a three beat body percussion and perform it to a steady beat.

Personal & Social Development

This half term our 'My Happy Minds' topic is 'Engage' where the children will learn about and engage in the process of setting goals. The children will begin to think about what they want to achieve, they will set their own goals and work towards these goals with support and encouragement. This will help the children to build their skills of perseverance and resilience.

'No outsiders': To know and understand that everyone in our class is different and that we can make friends with anyone.

Literacy

This half term our main text is 'Charlie Cook's Favourite Book' we will use this and a number of other high quality texts to form the basis of our Literacy work. The children will review all previously taught Set 1 sounds and will begin to learn Set 2 sounds. They will use their phonic knowledge to support the reading and writing of simple sentences. They will be able to retell stories in more detail and say what they think might happen next. They will also be able to recall facts from non-fiction book.

Religious Education – To Know You More Clearly

Branch 5: 'To the ends of the earth'

In this branch the children will hear how Jesus went back to his father and how he sent a special friend the Holy Spirit to look after us. They will learn about the importance of the 'Parish Family' and how we gather together at Church to celebrate, especially on Sundays.

Journey in Love: To celebrate the joy of being a special person in God's family

Expressive Arts & Design

The children will be involved in a role play based on their experience of stories. The children will be engaged in designing their own creations and will give consideration to aspects such as colour, texture and function. The children will

Homework

The children will bring home their letter cards, please practice these on a regular basis, using both the picture and letter side of the card.

Handwriting practice and maths homework will be set each week. Homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday.

Thank you for your support.
Miss Turner & Mrs Lacey