

Literacy:

Reading:

Our reading area will give us lots of opportunities to look at books independently and handle them carefully. We will be listening to stories about settling in at school and about families and friends. Our key texts include: Harry and the Dinosaurs go to School, The Colour Monster Goes to School and Big Hair Don't Care.

Writing:

We will be exploring the sounds we can make and experimenting with making new sounds. We will begin to learn that sounds can be written, with lots of opportunities to make marks and write sounds down. Each week, our new sounds will be shared in our home learning.

Physical Development:

In our PE lessons our focus will be 'Movement Development'. We will learn how to safely move around the playground and hall, explore different movements, move at different speeds and begin to use resources.

RE:

This half term our focus is: Who made our Wonderful World? We will be:

- Talking about things that are precious to us.
- Discussing how Christians believe God made our world and all living things.
- Comparing similarities and differences between ourselves, our friends and our families.
- Learning about the festival of Harvest.

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Families and friends!

To make this topic even more relevant, and ensure the knowledge sticks, the children will bring in a photo of themselves with their families and/or friends. These will be displayed in the classroom, and encourage the children to share stories and information about themselves.

Understanding the World:

We will be learning about each other this half term. We will be thinking about different families and friends, and what makes us unique. This half term we will focus on getting to know our St Jude's family, learning about the different people in our school, their jobs and school life.

Expressive Art & Design:

We will be developing a range of skills this half term including:

- Using resources available to create props to support our role play area.
- Experimenting with a range of mediums for mark making.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

This half term we will focus on: Being Me in My World.

We will be thinking about how we help each other to feel welcome and happy in our new classroom, how we care for each other, and how we can work well with each other.

Music:

Our music topics this term are: "Who shall I be today?" and "Busy City." We will be learning new songs, linking songs to stories, and listening to different types of music.

Spanish:

We will be learning:

- how to say hello and goodbye
- saying our name and asking others theirs.

Maths:

In maths this half term, we will be learning to:

- Identify when a set can be subitised and when counting is needed
- Subitise different arrangements, both unstructured and structured
- develop counting skills and knowledge, including: that the last number in the count tells us 'how many' (cardinality); to be accurate in counting, each thing must be counted once and once only and in any order; the need for 1:1 correspondence