

**Literacy**



We are beginning to teach the children Phase 2 of phonics using our new scheme Unlocking Letters and Sounds. The children will have a daily 30-minute phonic session learning new phonemes and common exception words. Once these are established the children will be using this knowledge to write CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words. We will be practising their name writing and name recognition and we will be encouraging a love of reading by sending home 2 books every week. A phonically decodable book they can read themselves and a story book to share with family. These will be changed once a week. We will also be enjoying story time every day in our reading area.

**Maths**

In Maths we follow the White Rose scheme which breaks down maths into small steps for the children. This term the units we will be covering are: Match, sort and compare, Measure and patterns, It's me 1,2,3, Circles and triangles, 1,2,3,4,5 and Shapes with sides. The children will learn through practical activities as well as learning to form the numbers correctly in written form

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**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**



We will be looking closely at our value of 'compassion' this term. In our PSHE lessons we will be learning to show an understanding of our own feelings and valuing other people's differences and recognising why we are all special.

**This term our topics are:**

**Let's Explore & 'Build It Up!'**

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They are like trees that grow beside a stream that bear fruit at the right time and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in all they do. Psalm 1:3

**Communication and Language**

Through both classroom and circle time activities, we will continue to build on our ability to listen for extended periods of time, both in small groups and as a whole class. We will learn how to hold conversations and how to respond and ask questions.



**Physical Development**

We will have PE lessons on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school. This term the children will be doing two gymnastic units 'High, Low, Over, Under' and 'Moving' where they will be learning how to travel, using the apparatus, creating shapes using their bodies and making big and small movements.



**Expressive Arts and Design**

This term we will be focusing on experimenting with colour using paints and chalks. The children will be singing rhymes and retelling stories using props and puppets and using their imagination in the continuous provision areas outside. We will also be taking part in a nativity during December.



**RE/Understanding the World**

This term we will be thinking about past and present and how things were for children in the past. The children will be thinking about their own environments, where they live, what their house is like and how they might differ from each other. They will be using stories such as The Three Little Pigs to discuss materials and how some are more suitable for certain jobs than others. In RE the children will be learning about why the word God is important to Christians and why Christmas is important to Christians.

