

Year 1 Newsletter
Spring 2nd Half 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

R.E

In **RE** the topic the children will focus on is Salvation. The children will tell stories of Holy Week and Easter from the Bible and recognise a link with the idea of Salvation. We will think and talk about whether the story of Easter has anything to say to them about sadness, hope or heaven.

In **PSHE** our circle time will focus around the topic of *Getting on and Falling out*. The children will be thinking about how to be good friends and resolve conflict. They will also be talking about some of the feelings they may have when they fall out with a friend.

English

Alongside the daily phonics sessions, grammar and guided reading sessions the children will complete two literacy based units. The first is based on instructions and the second unit is a poetry unit.

Unit 1

Read **Open Very Carefully** by Nicola O'Byrne and Nick Bromley before delving into the world of instructions. Children explore giving verbal instructions and then writing them, with the correct punctuation for commands, questions and exclamations of course!

Unit 2

Children identify and recount times they have experienced different emotions. They represent emotions in colour and describe them through simile. They develop their ability to write by composing statements and rhyming couplets. They write their own poem and publish it. .

Maths

In maths we will continue to investigate numbers up to 100 using number grids and number beads and practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Looking more closely at odd and even numbers doubling and estimating.
We will begin to investigate fractions finding half, quarter and three quarters of shapes and their equivalents.
In measure we will find out more about units of time weeks, days, hours and how to tell the time (o'clock and half past) on analogue and digital clocks.

Science

In science we will find out about *Everyday Materials*, distinguishing between objects and the materials they are made of and sorting them into categories. We will also perform simple tests, make predictions, observations and answer simple questions.

Geography

This *Our Country* unit will teach the class about the countries of the UK developing learning beyond children's immediate environment and own locality to the UK in general. Children will explore the UK by looking at individual countries, capital cities, human and physical features along with comparing and contrasting the capital cities of London and Brasilia in detail.

Physical development

Mr Green will continue to take the children twice a week for dance, movement and gymnastics.

Art and DT

Year 1 will continue the *Fabric Faces* topic this half term. The children will use a template and fabric to develop masks. They will have the opportunity to discuss their ideas as they develop and say what their design has to do to achieve the design criteria.

Many thanks
Rachel Gleadow