

Our learning this half term will follow the theme of **Me & My World** (Near).

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

### Playing & Exploring



We will be encouraging all the children to be curious; to ask their own questions & make predictions before exploring to find out answers.

### Active Learning



We will be encouraging all the children to review their learning as it happens using the questions: How is this going? What am I doing well? What could I improve?

### Creating and thinking critically



We will be encouraging all the children to plan & evaluate their learning in advance using the question: What do I need to get started?

## Prime Areas of Learning

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development



We will continue to support children in regulating and managing behaviours & emotions so they can learn cooperatively together. We will have a focus on road safety & personal safety linked to Stranger Danger & Online Safety.

### Physical Development



We will be doing lots of work to improve our fine motor control and handwriting formation. In P.E. we will continue to find different ways to travel on the large apparatus.

PE kits needed Mondays and Thursdays please.

### Communication & Language



We will be learning how to tell short stories based on our experiences, whilst also using our imagination and the key parts of a good story to make up and role-play our own stories too.

## Specific Areas of Learning

### Literacy



We will be reading Owl Babies and talking about how characters act & feel. We will begin learning about information texts. We will consolidate Phase 3 letters & sounds knowledge & build reading fluency. We will continue encouraging all the children to write letters with correct formation & to write words, phrases and sentences to label their models & paintings.

### Maths



#### Numbers

We will deepen our understanding of numbers up to 10 by looking at number pairs & extending verbal counting to 20. We will recall double facts, consolidate work on comparing amounts & begin learning about odd & even numbers.

#### Shape, Space & Measures

We will continue learning about 3D shapes and consolidate our work on pattern.

### Understanding the World



We will learn about the world around us including exploring the school grounds and the area surrounding the school. We will learn what maps are and use simple ones to find places. We will learn how to direct & move using a computer program.

We will also look at the Christian stories linked to Easter.

### Expressive Arts & Design



We will be encouraging all the children to develop their drawing skills through observation of the lines, shapes & patterns they see. We will apply colour mixing skills to painting real things.

We will sing songs & listen to a range of musical pieces every day.