

## Curriculum Newsletter

### Reception Year Group and Staff Reception

RO: Mrs Osei and Mrs Peng  
RE: Miss Edwards and Ms Pikiewicz

### R.W.I

This term we will continue the RWI phonics programme. Children learn the sounds that will help them to read new words. We also learn how to write each sound, paying special attention to the letter formation.



### English

Children will enjoy reading a variety of non-fiction and fictions texts. Children will apply the skills they have learnt in RWI to read and write. The curriculum will be delivered through a variety of high quality texts which engage children and reflect their interests. We will also continue with our weekly vocabulary lessons.

### Maths

Children will learn how to count on and back to 20 through song and rhymes. They will also keep counting to 100 identifying patterns along the way. We will begin to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 as the basis for future work on multiplication. They will be challenged further to complete basic practical addition and subtraction problems. They will also explore money, properties of 3D shapes, position and time.



### Ourselves



Children will learn about healthy eating, the importance of exercise and basic hygiene and healthy minds. They will learn how to put these practises into their daily routine to encourage a healthy lifestyle. We will continue to learn about how we keep can safe in these difficult times and how we keep others safe too.

### History

In History we will compare toys past and present. We will create traditional puppets and investigate games from the past. Children will confidently talk about their favourite toys.

### R.E.

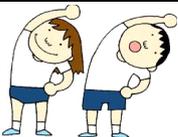
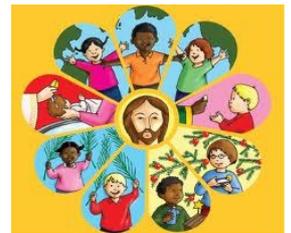
For RE lessons we follow **Come and See** as our scheme of work.

**Our world linked to Citizenship weeks:** God's wonderful world.

**Other Religion:** We will be exploring the special days and ritual objects in Islam.

**Gathering:** Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist.

**Growing:** looking forward to Easter.



### PE

Please ensure that your child brings appropriate PE kit on the correct day.

Lessons will take place every **Thursday** afternoon . We will be aiming to have some PE lessons outdoors (weather permitting) so please make sure your child brings jogging bottoms rather than shorts.

**NB: please make sure all items of clothing, especially PE kit, has your child's name on.**

### Art & Design



During this term children will use role play to express themselves while focusing on performance and use of appropriate voice.

Children will also play instruments independently concentrating on rhythm and sounds and creating their own musical compositions.

They will be working with natural resources to highlight the use of texture in their collages.



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### Understanding of the World

Children will learn to show care and concern for living things in the environment. They will familiarise and compare different habitats. They will explore how different animals and plants grow highlighting the fact that these are cycles.

This term we will be observing the life cycle of a butterfly. Children will also have an opportunity to grow a plant and explore its parts.



### Computing

Children will learn how to log in to a laptop or iPad using their unique username and password.



They will also use a simple program to research different topics related to what they are learning.

### PSED



Children will be given the opportunity to share their thoughts and opinions in order to gain confidence.

They will be encouraged to develop independence and to negotiate and solve their own problems. We will focus on positive wellbeing and encourage children to develop personal strategies which will help them remain positive even during tough times.

### Homework



Children in Reception will receive English and Maths homework every Friday and it is due back on the following Tuesday. This homework will be posted on Google Classroom.

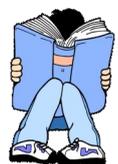
*They will also receive some "red" words which they need to learn how to read and write independently. Try to avoid rushing through the list, choose 3 or 4 at a time and encourage them to learn those as well as say them in a full sentence.*

### Music



This term children in reception will be concentrating on exploring the different sounds instruments make. They will have an opportunity to make up simple songs and rhythmic patterns.

### Reading



Children will be taking home a book each week. These will be changed weekly. Please read with your child every day. Once you have heard your child read, ask them questions about the book.

