

ENGLISH

In Autumn A our literacy is closely linked to the book 'Plop the Owl Who is Afraid of the Dark'. We will write a variety of texts linked to this including: stories, instructions, letters and information texts. We will be reading this book together as a class.

Please read a range of stories to your child regularly as this will support their learning. It is important to listen to your child read little and often (just 10 – 15 minutes a day will make a big difference).

Phonics we will be learning different sounds and how they can be written in different ways. We will also begin to learn to read and spell words that don't follow a phonetic pattern.

RE

Children reflect on who and what is special and important to them and what makes us special as individuals. Within our topic on Christianity we look at how Christians gain a sense of belonging through the 'Church family'.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- your child needs to bring their book bag to school **every day**.
- to bring in a named PE kit (black shorts and a white top) and leave it at school.
- to have a named water bottle.
- to have named indoor shoes in school.

SCIENCE

Materials- We look at different materials to see if they are waterproof or not; transparent, translucent or opaque. We explore the different materials that common objects are made from.

Seasonal changes- Throughout the year we will be observing and recording seasonal changes.

YEAR 1

Autumn A

Our main topic will be **Everyday Materials**

PSHCE

We will be discussing how to keep safe in different situations. We will think about questions such as, 'Who should I talk to if I get lost?'

Special Events

On 29th September we will go on a school trip to 'The Raptor Foundation.' Please talk to the office if you may be able to help on this trip.

MATHS

We practise and develop these oral and mental maths skills:

- Counting on and back to 30.
- Simple addition and subtraction facts up to at least 20.

Also:

- Using comparative language (longer/shorter)
- Recognise and name common 2D shapes
- Recognise and know the value of different coins

We use the netbooks to practise and develop our speed numeracy skills. www.ictgames.com is a good place to find maths and literacy games.

ART and DT

ART We will create observational drawings of owls when we visit the Raptor Foundation.

DT We will design and make owl sock puppets

PE and MUSIC

PE Gymnastics – moving in a variety of controlled ways.
Dance – interpreting music.

MUSIC Investigating rhythm & pulse using nursery rhymes & a variety of instruments