



### A message from your teachers...

Wow, this year is flying by and we cannot believe we are entering the summer term already. It has been our pleasure to see the children grow and flourish since September and we know that they have a wonderful term ahead of them! We have lots of exciting things planned during our topic of 'Great Britain' as part of the whole school topic of 'Colourful Cultures.' We know they will have a term to remember! I know a lot of our children are very excited about this topic and we are looking forward to our second school trip in the final term.

We look forward to sharing these experiences with your child! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

#### Religious Education

**To the Ends of the Earth** – *What is good news?*

**Dialogue and Encounter** – *Is it good to have friends? What makes a good friend?*



#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will continue to develop their fantastic relationships. They are encouraged to have a sense of pride in their own achievements. They will confidently try new activities and identify when they do or don't need help. Children will be encouraged to show sensitivity and care for others, especially considering others views when organising an activity.

We will continue with our Ten:Ten PSED lessons with a focus of 'Created to Live in Community' which explores the individual's relationship with the wider world.



#### Mathematics

The children will order items by capacity, length, height and weight. They will record in different ways and count in 10's up to 100, and begin to count in 5's. The children will also continue to develop their understanding of shapes. They will add and subtract single digit numbers, counting on and back. They will also be encouraged to develop problem solving, including doubling, halving and sharing. The children will develop a deeper understanding of numbers to 10, and learn number bonds to 10. We will begin to learn numbers to 20, and also explore, record and represent patterns in number.



#### Literacy

The children will be encouraged to use their phonics knowledge to write and read regular words. They will also write and read some irregular common words. The children will form sentences, remembering finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. Through our topic of 'Great Britain,' they will read a variety of stories and use the story structures and inspiration to write their own stories, letters and postcards. The children will participate in lots of different drama activities (which we know they will be brilliant at!). The children will continue handwriting sessions to ensure that they are forming letters consistently and correctly.



## Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be having lots of fun exploring textures and materials. They will be designing houses for the 3 little pigs. They will consider the patterns they can include in their design as well as experimenting with different colours. Children will be experimenting with instruments to see how the sounds can be changed and will join in singing games with an increasing control of pitch and tempo. They will represent their own ideas through dance, role-play and stories.

We will also learn about St. George's Day and retell this story to the rest of the school on our Feast Day celebrations.



## Understanding the World

The children will explore plants and how they grow. They will select and use technology for a particular purpose.

As part of our 'Great Britain' topic, the children will be exploring the world around them. They will research, experience and compare places. They will be sharing their own experiences. Children will continue to learn to understand that people have different cultures, beliefs and traditions, that need to be treated with respect as well as continuing to develop respect for their own ideas. We will also be observing the seasonal changes as we enter the warmer months and continuing with our Forest School sessions.



## Communication and Language

Children will listen attentively in a range of situations. They will listen to stories, anticipating key events and be encouraged to respond appropriately. They should follow instructions with several ideas or actions and continue to answer 'how' and 'why' questions. They will express themselves effectively, considering the listeners' needs. Children will aim to use past, present and future forms accurately. The children will develop their Oracy skills, which are taught across the curriculum to develop their speaking and listening skills.

## Physical Development

The children will move confidently in different ways, safely negotiating space. Children will be encouraged to show good control in large and small movements. They will investigate the effect exercise has on their body and look at the importance of good health. Through our PE sessions, we will be developing skills in team games. Children will develop their understanding of playing games through the topic of 'transport' and will practise and further develop fundamental movement skills through games. They will also learn how to score and play by the rules, how to work with a partner and begin to understand what a team is. They will handle equipment and tools effectively, especially scissors. In our PE sessions, we will also be practicing for Sports Day, developing new skills and developing our resilience.

## What you can do to help your child

Please continue to share stories with your child, both with you reading to them and listening to them read to you. The children can help you to read anything, recipes, lists, signs, packets etc. Please continue to practice the sounds and tricky words with your child and encourage them to make new words.

Let the children count anything! Challenge them to tell you more or less.

Have fun together, answering the Philosophical questions sent weekly. Remember that there is no right or wrong answer. This will support the children's communication and language development.

Please support the children in completing their homework challenge. Have fun and make memories together at the same time. Please keep an eye on Tapestry for updates too.



## Dates for your Diary

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Class Saint Feast Day  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – School closes for half term.  
TBC- Book and Biscuit  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – trip to Rutland Beach  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – School closes for summer.

