



**Our Topics for the this term will include:**

People Who Help Us, St Helen, Autumn, Remembrance Sunday, Bonfire Night, Traditional Tales - Red Riding Hood, Elves and the Shoemaker and Christmas.

**In school we will be.....**

**R.E**

- Exploring what it is to be welcomed and how we welcome people into God's family.
- Identifying what happens at a Baptism.
- Developing an understanding of first and family names and how God loves and knows each person.

**Communication and Language**

- Listening to stories about our topics with increasing attention.
- Playing speaking games such as 'Simon Says' to help improve our language and vocabulary.
- Using the role play area to recreate roles and experiences.

**Literacy**

- Practising our letter formation through name writing and practising the letter sounds we are learning in phonics.
- Starting to recognise High Frequency words and build simple phrases or sentences.
- Learning to hold our pencils correctly.

**Mathematics**

- Exploring 2D shapes such as circles, squares, rectangles, triangles, hexagons and pentagons.
- Counting and recognising numbers to 20.
- Discussing and using prepositional language (behind, above, below, next to, under, on).
- Ordering shapes and pictures by size such as smallest to biggest, shortest to tallest.

**Physical Development**

- Developing our fine motor skills by handling tools effectively such as scissors, stampers and pegs.
- Using larger equipment, e.g. The Parachute, to help us learn how to negotiate space effectively.
- Exploring malleable materials to create desired effects, e.g. using playdoh to make characters.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Talking about our homes, traditions and cultures.
- Learning the school rules and ensuring we follow them.
- Playing sharing games to help us remember to take turns and show sensitivity to the needs of others.

**Understanding of the World**

- Using resources inside and outside to explore and discover the world around us. Exploring the tablets and computers to develop our technology skills.
- Going on an 'Autumn walk' to make thoughtful observations about the environment around us and how it changes over time and seasons.

**Expressive arts and design**

- Exploring percussion instruments to discover how sounds can be changed to make them louder, quieter etc.
- Singing rhymes and songs.
- Selecting resources such as the painting box, to create pictures using colours for a purpose e.g. red for a bus.

And lots more fun activities!

**At Home you could.....**

**Understanding of the World**

- Read books about our topic subjects or research them on the Internet.

**Expressive arts and design**

- Encourage the children to draw simple pictures of people encouraging, them to add bodies, legs etc.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Play turn taking games where children are not always the winner and they have to share effectively.

**Literacy**

- Practice writing their name and the sounds they are learning each week.
- Practice reading their high frequency words and to learn the sound and name of letters.

**Physical Development**

- Practise throwing and catching different objects. E.g. beanbags, small balls, large balls, teddies.

**Mathematics**

- Practise matching the correct amount of objects to a number given. E.g. 4 they find four cars.

