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Compassion



Important Dates

Last Day of term - Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021

Tuesday 5th January - Friday 26th March

Half term - 15th-19th February

Parent Consultations

Each week, 3 different children will continue to be the focus for **recorded** observations using the **Evidence Me** app, and families will have a telephone meeting with Mrs Bailey during the following week to discuss their child's learning.

This process will be repeated in the Spring and Summer Terms.

Doves



The children have settled really well in Reception; becoming used to their new routines and getting to know their teachers and friends.

Some highlights so far ...

- We had a lovely Autumn walk around the field at the back of the school, looking at the hedgerows and trees. The children enjoyed collecting different leaves, small flowers and feathers.
- We put up a tyre swing and a 'slack line' in our garden for the children to play on; providing some additional physical challenge. Developing whole-body strength is an essential part of their learning and great fun too!
- We have talked about 'the rules' and the importance of 'kindness'. On Thursday afternoon a little puppy puppet called Jack-in-the-Box visits us. He sings some songs and tells us a story from his favourite book, the Bible.





Literacy

We will make up our own stories and act them out with our friends. We will practise blending and segmenting simple **cvc** words (consonant-vowel-consonant, eg bat, cat, mat). We will continue to learn new sounds in phonics and continue to look at some more '**tricky words**'. We will practise writing our names ensuring we form the letters correctly.

Communication & Language

We will continue to share our ideas with our friends and teachers. We will listen and join in with familiar stories and rhymes. We will learn new words connected to our interests and seasonal topics.

Expressive Art and Design

We will begin to use powder paints to mix our own colours. We will learn some new exciting songs about Fireworks, Diwali and Christmas. We will listen and dance to some Bhangra music.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will talk about this half term's school value, *Compassion* and our school rules: *Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful*. We will listen to and talk about stories that help us think about our feelings and emotions like 'The Colour Monster'

OUR LEARNING

Understanding of the World

We will talk about Halloween, Bonfire Night and Diwali. We will find out more about 'Light and Dark' as the season changes and the evenings draw in. We will learn about Christingle and the Nativity Story as part of our celebrations for Christmas.

Physical Development

We will be practising changing into and out of our PE kits independently and making sure we put our own clothes back into our bags.

P.E. will be Friday mornings.

We will practise ball skills and use apparatus like hoops, bats and skipping ropes.

Maths

We will continue looking at representing and comparing numbers to 5. We will play games finding 1 more and 1 less than a set of objects. We will explore 2D shapes using feely-bags and going on shape-hunts. We will talk about 'night and day' and sequence our daily routines to help us learn about Time.

On a Wednesday afternoon Mrs Cuccurullo will be covering Mrs Bailey.