



### Our Christian Value:

This half term, we will be focusing on our school Christian value of community. In whole school and class worship, we will explore the idea of community through stories in the Bible. On our class page of the school's website, there are some ideas and stories, exploring the value of community, for you to do with your children at home. "Live in harmony with one another" **Romans 12.16**

**RE:** In RE this half term, the children will be learning about special places and why they are important. They will explore places special to them and learn about churches and mosques as special places for Christians and Muslims, understanding that these are places for prayer, worship, and community.



### Learning Means the World

This half term in Reception, our new topic in **Learning Means the World**, we will be travelling back in time to learn all about **dinosaurs!** The children will be exploring the theme **Jurassic Park**, where they will learn about big and little dinosaurs, comparing their sizes and talking about how they lived. We will also be using sticks and stones in our outdoor learning to build dinosaur homes and create imaginative habitats. As part of our learning, we will be discovering **fossils** and finding out how they help us learn about the past. The children will also be thinking about the exciting question: *Where did the dinosaurs go?* and sharing their own ideas and theories. Through stories, creative activities, phonics, maths work, and play-based learning, we will be encouraging curiosity, vocabulary development, and teamwork. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting half term of dinosaur adventures! 🦖🌟 **If your child has any dinosaur books, toys, or pictures they would like to share with the class, they are very welcome to bring them in.**

To finish this half term, our topic is **No Place Like Home**. The children will be learning about their own homes and exploring different types of houses from around the world. We will also be finding out about animal homes, including both pets and wild animals, and thinking about where they live and why. As part of our learning, we will be looking at some unusual homes such as lighthouses, as well as exploring shelters like dens, tents, and caves through stories, discussion, and play. We are looking forward to lots of imaginative learning as the children share their ideas and experiences about what makes a home special.



In PSHE this half term, the children will be learning about bouncing back when things go wrong and developing a positive "Yes, I can!" attitude. They will also explore healthy eating, ways to keep a healthy mind, and the importance of moving their bodies to stay active and well. These activities support confidence, wellbeing, and healthy lifestyle habits.

**Maths:** In Reception, the children are continuing to develop confidence working with numbers to 10 and 20. They are learning to build and compose numbers, understand what numbers are made from, and practise adding and taking away using practical resources and games. The children are also exploring sharing amounts equally and learning about shapes, including how shapes can be combined and taken apart (decomposed). These activities help strengthen their number sense and critical thinking skills in a fun and practical way.

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**Literacy** This half term in Reception, the children will be continuing to develop their speaking and listening skills by sharing ideas, retelling stories, and talking about their experiences with confidence. In **phonics**, they will continue learning new sounds and practising blending sounds together to read simple words and sentences, as well as segmenting sounds to support early writing. The children will also be working on forming letters correctly, writing simple words and captions, and beginning to write short sentences using their phonics knowledge. We will continue to enjoy a range of stories to help build vocabulary, imagination, and a love of reading. Please remember to read at home with your child.

