

Expressive Arts & Design

This half-term, children will explore hot and cold places around the world through creative activities, discovering different cultures, foods, languages, animals, and plants. They will express their ideas through art, craft, imaginative play, cooking, music, and dance.

Activities include airport role play, a "Café Around the World", weekly cooking sessions, learning dances and rhythms from different countries, and exploring various musical instruments. These experiences help children develop creativity, fine motor skills, coordination, and an appreciation for diversity.

Religious Education

This half-term, children will learn about Jesus returning to His Father and the celebration of Pentecost, discovering that the Holy Spirit is our friend who looks after us.

They will explore how the early Christian community lived out the Good News of Jesus, showing solidarity and caring for one another as a family and community. Children will also learn about the parish church, a special place where we gather with friends to sing, pray, and celebrate Sunday.

As a special activity, children will write invitations to our new parish priest to visit the class, helping them practice writing and understand the importance of friendship and community in the Church.



PE

Tuesday morning



Forest School

Wednesday morning



Library

Wednesday



Cooking

Thursday morning

Curriculum Map

Around the world

Mrs Plant - Nursery Class
Summer 1

Communication & Language

This half-term, children will develop language and listening skills through daily activities, including Mr Tongue at the start of the day and imaginative play with peers and adults.

Our topic "Around the World" introduces new vocabulary related to different countries, cultures, foods, animals, and plants, helping children to expand their word knowledge and use language confidently.

Children will continue to work on Section 8 of WellComm to strengthen understanding skills.

Daily phonics sessions focus on listening, attention, and speech development in a fun and engaging way. Children moving to Reception in September will begin Read Write Inc. phonics to prepare for their next stage in reading.

Mathematics

This half-term, we will continue to explore numbers in fun and practical ways through play, songs, stories, and daily routines.

This half-term, children will explore early maths skills through hands-on activities. They will practice taking and giving 1, 2, or 3 objects, recognizing and creating simple patterns, and comparing and sorting collections by size, shape, or quantity.

These activities help children develop number sense, problem-solving skills, and the ability to notice relationships and differences in everyday objects.

Physical Development

This half-term, children will enjoy "Castle Adventures" in weekly PE sessions, pretending to be soldiers protecting a castle. Activities help them develop balance, coordination, and control, move in different ways (jumping, hopping, crawling, stretching), follow instructions, take turns, and work safely. They will also practice throwing, jumping, rolling, and climbing.

We will also continue with our Squiggle While You Wiggle sessions, which combine music and movement to support early mark-making and help develop the muscles needed for writing.

Throughout the term, children will also develop their skills through creative and practical activities, such as making different types of transport, preparing snacks, using playdough, and exploring outdoors. Forest School activities like digging, scooping, and pouring give further opportunities to strengthen muscles, coordination, and fine motor

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

This half-term, children will explore important themes around staying safe and understanding the world around them.

In Life Online, children will follow Freddy Teddy as he learns to use a new device, introducing them to the internet, including both its positives and risks. They will begin to learn simple rules to help stay safe online.

In Keeping Safe, children will learn practical ways to protect themselves at home and outdoors, including bodily privacy (using the NSPCC PANTS message that "privates are private") and the importance of talking to their 'special people' if something worries them. They will also meet Dr Datfa, who teaches about medicine safety and the people who help us in emergencies, linking to the 'People Who Help Us' topic.

All these lessons are underpinned by the belief that we are created and loved by God, with bodies and minds that He wants us to keep safe and care for.

Literacy

This half-term, we will nurture children's imagination through storytelling, mark-making, and a wide variety of books and creative experiences.

There will be plenty of opportunities for imaginative mark-making – from drawing in soil to experimenting with different tools and materials. Some children will begin to trace and recognise their names, while others will begin to give meaning to the marks they make.

Our Drawing Club sessions will use rich and engaging stories and animations to inspire creativity and language, including:

- **Stories:** Magic hot air balloon, Hand's surprise
- **Fairy Tales:** Alibaba, The lion and mouse
- **Animations:** Pingu, Magic roundabout

These sessions are all about bringing stories to life, encouraging children to imagine new characters, invent story endings, and express themselves through drawing, talk, and early writing.

Understanding of the World

This half-term, children will explore the world of minibeasts through hands-on Forest School activities. They will observe, identify, and learn about different insects and their habitats, developing curiosity and respect for nature. As part of this topic, children will take part in Bee Day, learning about the importance of bees for pollination and the environment, and Earth Day, focusing on caring for the planet and ways to protect wildlife and natural spaces. Activities include bug hunts, creating minibeast homes, and exploring nature through digging, planting, and observing.

This half-term, children will explore hot and cold places around the world, learning about different cultures, foods, languages, animals, and plants. Through hands-on activities, stories, and discussions, they will develop curiosity about how people live in different environments and how animals and plants adapt to their habitats.