



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

Class: **Oak (Year R)** Teacher: **Miss Berry**

Curriculum News — Autumn 2016 Topic: Journeys

Literacy

We will be concentrating on our speaking and listening skills with a focus on our topic of Journeys. As a class we will discuss the journeys that we have made during the summer as well as our journeys to school.

We will also explore journeys made in familiar stories such as We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The Billy Goats Gruff and Whatever Next, using this as the basis for our own storytelling and writing.

Phonics: Every day the children will have a phonics lesson where they will be introduced to the different sounds letters and combinations of letters make.

Writing: As a class the children will be contributing to shared writing, linked to our topic.

They will be introduced to correct cursive letter formation in handwriting sessions and by painting, chalking, colouring and drawing.

Reading: Each week the children will have a group reading session learning, sharing and talking about books.

Maths

The children will develop their skills in the following areas:

- Counting, ordering and recognising numbers
- Simple addition and subtraction
- Understanding shape and pattern
- Ordering and comparing lengths
- Problem solving
- Mental skills focussing on counting forwards and backwards to 10 then 20, finding one more or one less than a given number

Understanding the World

People and Communities: The children will explore journeys made by real figures, in particular Neil Armstrong and his voyage to the Moon. Later in our topic, children will be learning about journeys in the Christmas story.

World: The children will discuss holiday journeys and the journeys we make to school. We will be looking at road safety features in our local area and carrying out a traffic survey. In science we will explore human senses and begin to say which part of the body is associated with each sense.

Technology: Children will learn about different types of technology and how it can be used to support their learning. They will also be introduced to simple ICT programs and laptop skills.

Expressive arts and Design: The children will make texture collages and consider how different print effects can be achieved. They will make junk model vehicles and create a class picture of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. For this term in DT the children will be looking at pop-up pictures and books and then designing a pop-up card. The class will focus on contrasting musical elements.

PSHE: We will be discussing our school rules and thinking of ways we can ensure the classroom is a happy, safe and fair learning community for all.

Physical Development: In games we will be developing ball skills. In gymnastics they will be travelling in a variety of ways and creating different shapes and balances. The children will respond to music, stories and poems in dance.

Messages

Please, please label all clothes, shoes, trainers, water bottles and book bags. Ensure your child can identify their own book bag by personalising it in some way.

Please make sure your child is suitably clothed for outdoor play. In this term that can mean anything from a sunhat to water-proof coats and gloves!

We will be holding a Year R curriculum evening on Tuesday 27th September at 6pm.

Suggestions to support learning at home

Remember a little and often is the most effective way to learn!

- Ideally, read and share books with your child on a daily basis
- Practise counting objects, actions and sounds
- Encourage to recognise shapes in their environment
- Learn the letter names and match to the corresponding letter
- Practice the phonic sound cards that will be sent home at the end of each week