



# St Faith's C.E. Primary School

**Class:** Oak and Silver Birch **Teaching team:** Miss Croker, Miss Berry, Mrs Matcham  
**Curriculum News — Autumn 2016 Topic: Journeys**

## English

As part of our English and topic work the children will be writing:

- Information about their journey to school
- Instructions for the Green Cross Code
- Stories and descriptions based on We're going on a Bear Hunt and The Three Billy Goat Gruff
- Poems about journeys into space

Each week the children will have a focused group guided reading session with a member of staff.

In addition the children will have a phonic and

## Science

The children will be learning about and exploring **human senses** this term. They will be identifying and naming different body parts linked to each sense, observing and classifying, gathering data and performing simple tests.

## Suggestions to support learning at home

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

- Ideally, read with and to your child on a daily basis
- Check the weekly maths and phonic home-learning sheets to support your child's learning at home
- Look at your child's red sentence book each week and practise any tricky words or sounds which they are finding difficult

## Messages

- Please, please label **all** clothes, shoes, trainers, water bottles and book bags
- Please personalise the handle of your child's book bag with a ribbon or small charm so they can find it easily in the box
- Book bags need to be brought to school daily. Please do not put water bottles in the bags in case they leak.

## Maths

The children will be taught skills in:

- Counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Place value
- Calculation methods involving all 4 operations
- Shape, position and pattern work
- Measurement using standard measures, money and time
- Fractions
- Data handling
- Mental skills and recall of doubles, halves, bonds to 10 and 20 and the 2x, 5x and 10x multiplication tables for Years 1-6

## Foundation subjects

**Geography:** 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.

**History:** As part of our topic on journeys, the children will be learning about Neil Armstrong and his voyage to the moon.

**Art:** 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.

**DT:** This term the children will be looking at pop-up pictures and books and then designing a pop-up card.

**RE:** Our first topic will be Family and Friends. This will be followed by learning about journeys in the Christmas story.

**Music:** The children will be focusing on contrasts: loud/quiet, high/low, smooth/jumpy, and fast/slow. They will also experience beat, rhythm and pitch.

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

**PE:** 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.

**ICT:** The children will be programming floor robots and developing their keyboard and mouse skills.