



St Faith's C.E. Primary School

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Curriculum News — Spring 2016

Topics: *Colour and Elmer, Fire Safety and The Great Fire of London*

Literacy

Phonics: The children will extend and consolidate their phonic knowledge. They will apply their knowledge of blending and segmenting to read and spell two syllable words and captions. As well as learning letter names and to read and spell some tricky words.

Writing: The children will be working on writing sentences in a meaningful context.

Reading: Each week the children will have a guided reading session to learn about and practise a specific aspect of reading and comprehension. In addition the children may read individually with an adult at some point during the week.

Understanding of the World

Elmer and Colour: The children will explore colour and pattern through story and art. They will experiment with colour mixing and consider the aesthetic qualities of colour. We will look at the work of Kandinsky and create our own patterns based on his work.

Fire Safety: The children will learn about fire safety and the role of modern fire fighters. They will then focus on the Great Fire of London and compare fire-fighting today with methods used in the past.

Science: The children will be considering the following about forces: things can move in different ways; pushing and pulling can make things move or stop; pushing and pulling can change the shape of things; bigger pushes and pulls have bigger effects; Larger masses take bigger pushes and pulls to move or stop them. They will also be learning about seasonal changes in Spring.

ICT: The children will continue to develop their laptop skills and to work through simple programs.

RE: This term the children will be learning about Jesus as a man, special books with a focus on the Bible and then in the final weeks of term, Easter.

Messages

Please let us know if you may be able to help with trips or the occasional morning or afternoon as we would like to have a list of people we can ask. Many thanks!

Maths

- The children will be learning: To count from 1-100
- Find different ways to partition sets of ten objects and read the corresponding addition
- We will also start to look at early subtraction
- We will compare two weights using direct comparison and use the language of heavier and lighter
- We will continue to learn about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties
- We will continue to develop our understanding of time and everyday language related to it

Expressive Arts and Design

Art: Learning will focus on patterns in colour and black and white as well as a study of Mondrian and Kandinsky. Water colour pencils will also be used to create Elmer backgrounds.

Moving on, we will create paintings of the Great Fire and charcoal drawings of black and white homes.

Music: The children will be continuing to develop listening, rhythmic and concentration skills. They will also be looking at contrasts in music.

Physical Development

In games the children will be learning to throw and catch using a range of apparatus. They will experience the concept of aiming games and change rules to make a game harder. In gymnastics they will be doing activities to the theme of bouncing, jumping and landing.

The children will also be considering the things that humans and animals need to survive and be healthy including a balanced diet and exercise. They will also learn that there are different types of food and compare diets of babies, children and adults.

Suggestions to support learning at home

- Regularly listen to your child read and read to your child. Please do make a note of this in the reading diary so we can build a picture of your child as a reader.
- Talk about and discuss numbers in the environment. Number plates, recipes, page numbers etc.
- Practice writing name in cursive script.