

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

A Happy New Year to all of you and a very warm welcome back.

Communication, Language and Literacy. We will carry on with Phase 2 of our phonics programme, focusing on one sound a week. We will be mainly looking at words that start with the focussed sound and on how to form the grapheme correctly. (Please see the attachment to this newsletter) We will continue to develop children's vocabulary through various speaking and listening activities. Both fiction and non-fiction books will be shared with the children and linked to the relevant topics.

Mathematical Development: We will continue to develop children's awareness of numerals 0-10; Once secure, they will move on to 11-20. This will involve rote counting, counting objects, number recognition and formation. We will also focus on the use of mathematical language in every day situations. We will also extend children's knowledge of shapes by looking at shapes in the environment and their properties.

Our topic for this term is **Our Journey Around the World**. Through stories, non-fiction books and various activities, we will embark on a journey around the world! We will celebrate Chinese New Year, visit Africa through the story of 'Handa's Surprise' and African traditional music and much more. This will help us to start looking at differences and similarities between countries and their cultures.



Religious Education:

We start this term by learning about our Local Church and Community. During this topic we will be exploring what a celebration is and how a parish family celebrate. We will also be looking at Islam, linking religion with art (see the patterns and designs used to decorate the Mosques). Finally, we will finish the term with the topic 'Lent/Easter'. Here we think about how Lent is a time to grow like Jesus and look forward to Easter.

Of course we will also be celebrating Valentine's Day, Mothers Day and World Book day during this term and we have some exciting activities planned for these too!

We would like to thank you for your continued support and remind you to feel free to come and chat to us at any time during the term and we will support you in any way we can.

Ms Scarpini.

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