

## English/Phonics

The children will continue to focus on learning the last of our Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs in order to further to develop their reading and writing skills through segmenting and blending. Children will be expected to begin writing simple sentences with greater independence as they apply their knowledge and understanding of sounds to record their own ideas. Reading is still a priority so please do ensure that you read with your child at least 3 times a week and make a note in their home reading record.

## Communication and Language

The children will continue to develop their ability to gain and apply new vocabulary as well as practicing speaking in a way which demonstrates organised thought and allows them to undertake extended conversations with their peers on a specific subject.

## RE

This term the children will explore the ideas of special places and consider the idea of the Earth as one of these. This will help them to think about the idea of stewardship for Christians.

## Maths

This term the children will continue to develop a deeper understanding of numbers to 20. They will explore the value and of these numbers and become confident in accurately and independently counting objects and actions to this total, as well as recognising their written numeric form. We will continue to practice our addition and subtraction skills in a variety of formats as well as looking at simple sequencing with now, then and next. Our topic will end with some spatial reasoning work looking at combining shapes as well as shape tangram puzzles.



## Expressive Arts & Design

As part of our explorations of farms, we will use the stories 'What the Ladybird Heard' and 'Rosie's Walk'. Once we become familiar with the settings and structures of these, we will then use them as a framework on which to build our own narratives.

## Personal, social and emotional development

Children will be exploring 'relationships' this term with an important focus on re-building the social skills which may have been affected by current circumstances and extended periods of home learning. We will be recapping positive behaviours and routines as well as continuing to develop self-regulation skills. Part of our topic will also focus on healthy eating and lifestyle choices.

## Understanding the World

This term the children will explore the idea of 'farms' as a familiar environment and will then use this to further explore 'animals and their young' as well as 'growing' to consider where our food comes from. They will then discuss how food choices can affect our health as well as looking at measures that we can take to keep ourselves and our bodies healthy. As part of our work on knowing about the past we will think about how farms may have looked different and changed from years ago.

## Physical Development

PE lessons will continue as usual on a Friday so please ensure children come to school dressed in the appropriate PE kit clothing to participate safely. This term children will develop their fundamental movement skills through the topic of 'spaces and places' balancing, running, hopping, jumping, travelling and changing direction.