



Teddy Bear's Picnic/ All About Me



Start Date September 2018	End Date December 2018
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Values, PSHE & RE Topics

Our PSHE this term is New Beginnings, and our children will become immersed in school life; learning all about school life and working together as part of our school community. In RE this term our focus will be Myself & Being Human – looking at the examples of religious communities. We will also be looking at Islam and how Muslims pray.

How we will launch the topic

This term children will be getting to know each other and learning about their qualities, likes and dislikes. Reception will grow more familiar with their environment, whilst Years 1s and 2s will begin to understand their new responsibilities around the school.

Maths and English are taught throughout the week. We ask that you read with your child at home every day to ensure that learning at school is reinforced at home for quick progress.

PE kits should be in school all week and PE sessions are on Monday and Friday with the following kit: plimsolls/ trainers, polo shirt, shorts, jumper/jacket and jogging bottoms. Please ensure these are all named! Also that children with pierced ears either remove their earrings before coming to school or can take them out themselves as they will not be allowed to do PE with them in, even with tape.

Puffins: Please can children have a named pair of wellies in school so that we can go outside whatever the weather! They also need to make sure that they have a waterproof coat.

Welcome to the new school year! The new members of the Puffins class are settling in well and learning about their new rules and routines quickly. Penguins have settled well in their classroom too.

In Literacy this term, Puffins, will be primarily looking at stories revolving around teddy bears and beginning to learn their phonics skills. In maths, they will be practising their counting and number skills and looking at shapes.

In Penguins we are looking at traditional tales in Literacy, and in maths they will be practicing their counting, adding, subtracting and looking at shapes.

After the half term, we will branch out and explore the roles and responsibilities of different jobs (particularly postmen) through recounts, stories and explanations.

During this topic we will be retelling and acting out traditional tales using a range of resources such as storyboards, props and puppets. We will also be listening to different variations of the same story and exploring the ways in which different stories can be told; i.e. books, cd's, story tapes and on the interactive whiteboard.

In our roleplay area this term, we will be setting up a Teddy Bear hospital, any unwanted soft toys – the more battered the better – would be much appreciated! The children will learn to bandage, heal and care for their sick teddies within this area.



Ideas to help your child at home for this terms topic

- Encourage your child to look at the post you send and receive during one week. Talk with your child about where the letters have come from and whether they are for business or pleasure.
- Encourage your child to start a small collection of stamps from the letters you receive. Talk with your child about the value, the colour, what is in the picture, what the postmark means and so on. Let your child sort his or her stamps in different ways - for example, all the stamps worth the same amount, or all the stamps that are the same colour.
- Encourage your child to learn their own address; how does it start? What does it need? How do you make sure it goes to the right person?
- Look at reflective materials. Can you find anything at home that is reflective? Other than a postman, who else might wear a reflective jacket and why would they wear it?
- Share a range of stories around teddy bears.

Take home Task

Encourage your child to make a scrapbook about the members of their family and friends.

Scrapbooks should include pictures, photos and annotations from the child's life.

Children should bring their homework in when they feel they have completed it, the cut-off point for the collection of 'take home tasks' in the week before Christmas holidays.

The best scrapbook will win a prize for the child or children to take home. Happy scrapbooking!

We will be holding an open afternoon for parents to see all the work on Thursday 13th December