

This half-term, we are learning...



Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
English FNGTIN	The children will read the stories, 'The Gingerbread Man', 'Penguin', 'Rosie's Walk', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'I Want My Hat Back' & 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea.' They will learn how to sequence a story, write simple sentences using the correct punctuation (capital letter & full stop), describe a picture, use role-play to act out the story & write captions to go with pictures from the book. They will continue to have daily phonics lessons to revise the sounds they know, as well as learning new ones. They will also have regular group reading sessions.	Read with your child every day. Encourage them to role-play stories that you read together. Encourage them to write a sentence (with a capital letter & full stop) to describe a character from a story.
Maths	Over the half-term, the children will be looking at numbers 0-10, including the place value & sequencing of these numbers. We will look at addition & subtraction, as well as naming & describing the properties of 2D & 3D shapes.	Give your child opportunities to search for shapes in objects in the home. Can they name them? Ask them to find something that is square, rectangular, triangular or circular. Count forwards & backwards from 0-10.
Science - Chemistry	The children will learn what a material is, what different objects are made from, the properties of different materials & how they different materials behave. They will learn about the inventor Samuel Fox & investigate which material makes the best umbrella!	Find a variety of different materials like paper, card, fabric, glass, plastic, wood & metal & see if your child can name the materials. Discuss the properties of them, eg Which ones can bend?
History	The children will learn all about Guy Fawkes & The Gunpowder Plot. They will examine artefacts & think about which ones Guy Fawkes would have seen or used during his lifetime. They will also learn how & why we remember the 5th of November.	Teach your child the rhyme, 'Remember, remember the fifth of November.' Research Guy Fawkes – find a fact that your child can share with the class.
Computing	The children will learn to: Log on to & off a computer; Save a document; Keep themselves safe online; Sort & group data.	If you have access to a computer or device, help your child to navigate around Purple Mash. They can play games & work on any of the saved activities.

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RE	The children will learn about Christian beliefs, understand what 'belonging' means & learn about what a Harvest Festival is. They will also find out what 'baptism' is & they will make their own stained glass windows.	Visit a church & look at the stained glass windows – what pictures can your child see? Draw the church &/or some of the items in it?
PE	The children will be learning a range of games developing their listening & teamwork skills. They will play the traffic light game & learn how to throw & catch.	Develop skills in running, jumping, hopping & games where you can start & stop on command. Play the traffic light game: Stop on red & move on green. Practise throwing & catching using a soft ball or a beanbag. PE day: Tuesday.
Music	The children will learn about different varieties & types of music. They will learn about beat & perform songs using their body as percussion. The children will also be introduced to the glockenspiel & begin to play the instrument.	Listen to different types of music. Encourage your child to tap or clap along to the beat.
Art	The children will learn about the artist Piet Mondrian. They will work in his style to produce a piece of artwork using lines & boxes. They will use the primary colours red, yellow & blue.	Practise using a ruler to draw straight lines. Look at Mondrian's work & have a go at producing something similar. Challenge yourself not to put the same colour next to each other in boxes that are side by side.
PSHE	The children will learn about health & wellbeing. They will learn that mental wellbeing is a normal part of daily life, in the same way as physical health. They will learn what it means to be healthy & why it is important. They will understand how physical exercise keeps people healthy & recognise how to balance different types of play, including indoor-, outdoor- & screen-based. They will learn about different feelings, how they affect people's behaviour & how to recognise feelings in themselves & others. Finally, they will learn to make positive connections between things they enjoy & feeling good.	Look at the foods that you eat. Can your child name them? Encourage your child to draw a healthy meal. Go outside for half an hour for a walk or to play a ball game etc.

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