



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 4, already half way through the year, we're now looking forward to Spring and our trip to the Open Air Museum.

Communication, Language & Literacy

Phonics lessons continue with activities related to the sounds and spellings we are learning. The children practice their communication skills daily by creating their own sentences as well as role play and drama activities. We start by looking at non-fiction texts, how to use the contents page to find information and write our own non-fiction reports.

This term's theme is 'Castles'. We will explore the history of castles in Great Britain and their significance as well as looking at their features which make them different to other buildings. The children will also have opportunities to build their own castles and learn songs and rhymes related to castles. Our visit to the Open Air Museum will be a practical day - building our own dens, exploring and learning about safety and sustainability in our natural surroundings. Linked to this in Science and Technology is learning about Plants, the parts of a plant, common plants and how they grow.

Maths

We follow on with revision about shape and consolidate our learning on multiplication and division using written and practical methods.

The World

This term's theme is 'South Africa'. We will explore famous landmarks and the history of South Africa, create masks, drums and South African art, and recite and discuss the importance of the poem 'Invictus'. We will also learn South African songs and experiment with drumming.

Physical and Emotional Development

In term 4 we are looking at the theme 'Good to be me' where the children learn to develop self-awareness and realise that it really is 'Good to be me'. We continue to develop ball skills, agility and hand eye coordination in games lessons. These skills will enable children to play small sided games that build on teamwork, tactics such as finding a space and dodging as well as passing to others in their team.

Art and Creativity

This term we are choreographing our own Dance, working in groups to decide on our moves and how they work with the music. We are designing and painting our own castles and home corner using a variety of sustainable materials.

Faith and Belief

This term we are learning about Christianity; Jesus' life and the lead up to the Easter story, how it changed believers in Jesus' time, how Christians are influenced by it and the way Spring is linked with new life.

Homework

Please continue to listen to your child read daily, it is wonderful listening to their growing confidence as they are developing their reading skills. Any queries or questions, please feel free to see us or make an appointment through Mrs Bailey.

Best regards for the coming Spring!

Miss Wetherell and Mr Moore

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/magickey/>

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http://www.exploratorium.edu/listen/online_activities.php