

Communication, Language & Literacy

Our stories, poems and information texts will be linked to our topics and the seasons.

We aim to include the children's ideas and interests, so please encourage your child to bring in any books or items related to our topic that they may have at home, to show. We will have daily phonics sessions, when we will be developing recognition of specific letter sounds, and the segmenting and blending skills needed for reading. Please support your child with regular reading of their reading book at home. We will be encouraging the children to write for different purposes. Daily writing opportunities will include writing labels, lists and messages.

Understanding the World

In Reception we will be getting to know each other and learning to celebrate our differences that make us unique.

We will be going on a seasonal walk around the village looking for signs of Autumn. We will be going on listening walks around the school grounds to hear the different sounds you get in the environment.

We will be learning about pirates and explorers and we will be sending a letter home to find out the children's interests for this topic.

Physical

Our main PE sessions where we will need to get changed into our PE clothes will be on Mondays to start with, when we will be thinking about using different parts of our bodies to travel along a range of gym apparatus. We will be developing our physical skills by learning to play some Outdoor Games and our mark-making skills by 'scrimbling' (not scribbling!) to music in our 'Write Dance' sessions.

St Mary's First School Charminster

Willow



Autumn Term 2017

'All About Me'
&
'Pirates'



This term we will be visiting the Life Education Van to learn more about how to look after ourselves. We are fortunate that this has been funded by the Parish Council and School Association. Therefore, we are not asking for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of this visit.

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MATHS

This term Reception will start off by counting, exploring numbers around us and using numbers in their play. We will be looking at number lines and using numbers up to 10 and beyond. We will also be matching numerals to amounts. We will be singing number rhymes and songs. Later we will be investigating flat and solid shapes, revising their names and describing them. We will also be focussing on one more and one less, with lots of daily practical Maths opportunities, leading on to addition and subtraction.

Expressive Arts & Design



To begin with we will be using mirrors to paint portraits of ourselves! Later on we will use natural materials such as seeds and leaves to make autumn collage pictures. We will use junk modelling to make telescopes and boats linked to our pirate theme. Our role play areas will be 'home corners' and will be asking the children for their ideas to turn them into a Pirate themed role play later in the term! In Music we will be learning to sing simple rhymes and songs linked to our topics, and exploring the sounds of a variety of simple percussion instruments.

R.E



We will be taking part in our school Harvest Festival, and learning about 'Special People'. After half-term we will explore different festivals of light in the lead up to Christmas. In class 'circle times' we will explore the school 'Jigsaw' themes - 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating difference'