

Belmont C of E Primary School
Reception Termly Information Summer Term.

At the beginning of this term, our topic will be 'Growing' as many of the children have demonstrated an interest in the growth of plants outside. We will take ideas from the children about what they would like to do, know and find out about the topic and we will be planting seeds to explore how to care for them. We will look at garden centres and the services that they offer. We will continue to keep you updated on any further topics as the children's interests change throughout the term. Our Rainbow value this term will be, 'being supportive'. We will encourage the children to be supportive of the people around them and discuss what this might look like.

<p><u>Literacy</u></p>	<p>The children will be working towards writing sentences independently by the end of the year. To do this, they will be given opportunities to write simple sentences about their own experiences and what they can observe. We will discuss the importance of listening for all the sounds in words and leaving spaces between words as the children write.</p> <p>To develop the children's awareness of story structure, we will read many different stories linked to traditional tales such as 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' They will be encouraged to create their own storybooks by writing a series of sentences to tell the key events of their story. Talk for writing is extremely important, so they will also be given opportunities to orally tell their stories. If children do any oral storytelling at home, these could be recorded and uploaded to Tapestry.</p>
<p><u>Maths</u></p>	<p>This term, the children will be consolidating their recognition and understanding of teen numbers. They will also be working on using a number line to count on and back when carrying out simple addition and subtraction. They will be able to solve simple problems using their knowledge of doubling, adding and subtracting, and will be introduced to the concept of 'half'. They will be able to find half of a shape and begin to recognise that quantities can also be halved. They will consolidate using different ways in which to record what they did when working out a calculation. This could be drawing pictures or using words. They should be able to recognise the +, - and = signs. They will also be looking at coins and learning how to recognise and calculate totals using the different values. They will learn about the concept of estimation and making a 'sensible' estimate. They will also be given opportunities to practise counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10.</p>
<p><u>Understanding The World including RE</u></p>	<p>This term, the children will develop their ability to observe similarities and differences between plants and flowers. They will develop skills in observing the changes take place over time.</p> <p>The children will continue to develop their knowledge of other countries and people and communities by exploring images of different places that they have expressed an interest in.</p> <p>Throughout class worship, they will hear different stories from the bible and will discuss what each story can teach them.</p>

Physical skills	<p>This term, the children will continue to develop their handwriting and correct letter formation. For those children who are more confident, we will continue to encourage them to sit the letters on the lines, and begin joining some digraphs (2 letter sounds) such as ch, th, ai, ng.</p> <p>During PE sessions, the children will develop their ball skills such as throwing, catching, kicking and rolling. They will also learn different ‘athletic’ skills such as standing jumps, running, balancing and hurdling in preparation for our sports day.</p>
Creative Development.	<p>This term, we will continue to encourage children to plan their models before making them. We will discuss different finishing techniques to improve their models.</p> <p>The children will learn how to layer their painting by making a background using different thicknesses and shades of paint and then adding a foreground object using thicker paint.</p> <p>This will lead up to the annual Parish Art Competition for which the theme will be ‘Summer’.</p>

Homework in Reception, is to read at home, at least 3 times a week. Please record this in your child's reading diary. Children who meet this challenge will be given stickers in Celebration Worship at the end of term. The children will also have phonics booklets to work through at their own pace from phase 2, 3 and 4. Please continue to practise the correct formation of these sounds at home.

This term, please also help your child to learn how to spell the ‘tricky’ words from these booklets. These will not be assessed as such; however, we will monitor the children’s writing for use of these words.

Additional tasks may be sent home at different stages to support the children’s learning.

We welcome donations of cardboard boxes, tubes (not toilet rolls or medicine boxes please) and plastic containers which have not contained raw meat products.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Miss Watson, Miss Warren and Mrs DGLISH