



# Curriculum Newsletter

**Our theme is Emergency 999**



Below is a very brief outline of what your child will experience in the different "areas of learning" this half term. Each week, our learning will be based on one of the emergency services.

**Police Fire-fighters Paramedics**

**Religion- Getting to know Jesus** - the children will hear stories about Jesus, how he cured people who were sick and the miracle at the Wedding at Cana. The children will begin to think about what these stories tell us about Jesus.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development** - the children will learn about keeping themselves safe at all times and the importance of the emergency services in our community and how they help us.

**Communication and Language** - The children will take on the roles of the police officer, fire fighter and paramedics in order to develop their vocabulary. They will be encouraged to ask and answer questions to develop their language skills.

**Literacy** - the children will continue to read and write tricky words. They will be encouraged when writing to use finger spaces, capital letters and full stops. They will be looking at non - fiction texts and make their own information books about the police, fire-fighters and paramedics.



**Phonics** - As a class we will revise -j, v, w, x, y, z, qu, and then learn -ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or

**Mathematics** - the children will be working on numbers 1-20 and saying which is one more/one less than a given number (within 10, then 20). The children will be sorting and describing 2D shapes and using positional language - in between, in front, behind, above, below, high, low...

**Understanding of the World** - The children will learn about different types of emergency services. They will learn their address and use it in role play to make an emergency call. They will explore materials that float and sink and design and make life boats. They will use tablets and computers to research and create pictures relating to our topic, and they will be introduced to Bee Bots, programmable floor robots.



**Physical Development** - The children will continue to practise game skills and develop their fine motor skills through activities set in the classroom. They will also begin gymnastic activities - to develop skills in rolling, jumping, balancing and sequencing.

**Expressive Art and Design** - the children will learn songs and rhymes about the emergency services. In music we will be using instruments to create our own musical compositions. They will use 2D shapes to make police cars, fire appliances and ambulances.

*All that we do in class is differentiated to meet the needs of the children, so that they can have access to learning at their level. We do ask you to support your child with their reading and homework as it makes a real difference to their progress.*

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