



Together we are exploring our special gifts;  
Together we are growing towards God.

## 'Our Learning' Foundation Stage Spring Term 1

### Dates for your Diary:

EYFS Maths Workshop-  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 9am/3.15pm  
'Stay and Play' sessions:  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January- FS1  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January- FS2

### **RE**

During this half term, our R.E. theme is '**Getting to know Jesus**'.

With memories of Christmas still fairly fresh, the children will be learning that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will be encouraged to think of ways in which we can show our love for him.

At home you can help your child by:

\*Sharing Bible stories with them.

\*Focusing on the stories of Jesus caring for and curing people who are ill.

\*Encouraging your child to make a card for a relative friend or neighbour who is ill as a way of showing their love and care.

\*Sharing bedtime prayers with your child and remembering family and friends who are ill.

### Please Help Us:

You can help us by ensuring that your child comes to school wrapped up warm for winter! We go outside in all weathers and don't have enough spare hats, scarves and gloves to provide for all children. Please make sure your child has these items with them and that they are named.

### **Theme**

We will start this term with a focus on Dinosaurs.

We will introduce the Dinosaur theme through books of the week such as, 'Tyrannasaurus Drip', 'Gigantosaurus' and 'The Super Swooper Dinosaur'. The children will have an opportunity to celebrate Chinese New Year through our role play area, as a Chinese restaurant.

FS2 children will be learning to write labels, captions and simple sentences using these texts.

FS1 will be learning to write their names.

The children will learn about Dinosaurs: the different names, key features, diet and habitats.

They will explore bones and footprints

The small world will be used to develop an understanding of the different habitats for dinosaurs: sand, swamps and water. We will encourage storytelling and develop the use of vocabulary through the dinosaur figures.

In the Creative Area the children will make dinosaurs, as well as observational drawings and paintings.

Many of these activities will be carried out indoors and outdoors.

The children will enjoy exploring Winter: finding out about freezing and melting and hopefully playing out in the snow!

### Is there anything we need to know?

If you have information about your child that needs to be passed on please don't hesitate to contact us.

The most convenient times to meet privately with staff are as follows:  
FS1 am and pm groups ~ after each session.

FS2 ~ at the end of each school day (excluding Mondays).

If there is a pressing matter that needs to be shared urgently please see us in the morning (FS1 am + FS2) or at the beginning of the afternoon session (FS1 pm group).

### **Homework**

All children can take a library book home on Tuesday and Friday.  
FS2 children will continue to bring home school reading books/CVC cards.  
Please ensure your child has a book bag in school with them every day; they will not be allowed to take home a school reading book or a school library book without one.

### **Mathematical Development**

During this half term we will continue with counting and number recognition to 10 and beyond.

FS2 will work on more than/less than and begin addition.

We will also be learning to compare and measure height.

The children develop mathematical skills and access mathematical activities in all areas of provision on a daily basis.

### **Website**

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