

RSHE

Created and Loved by God

Created and Loved by God explores the individual. Rooted in the teaching that we are created by God out of love and for love, it helps children to develop an understanding of the importance of valuing themselves as the basis for personal relationships. We talk about the Creation story and how God knows and loves each and every one of us.

We will be completing baseline assessments with the children this half term. These involve observing the children in the classroom, getting to know them through their play and completing one to one activities with them such as counting and reading a story with them. We can then tailor our teaching and the classroom environment to help support the children.

Reception baseline assessment - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Advent 1—Me and My Community

This topic supports children with settling into the new rules and routines of school and encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. It teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. This project also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.



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Homework Project to be handed in to school by Monday 17th November

Draw a picture of your family or make a picture board with photographs of your family.

*Who is in your family?
Why are they special?
What do you like to do with your family?*

Phonics/English

Phonics is taught as a whole class for the first half term with other adult led activities set up in the classroom. Our teaching will include:

- Teaching sounds through our phonics programme Read Write Inc.
- Blending sounds to make simple words e.g. cat, man.
- Focus on handwriting and correct letter formation.
- Writing our names independently.
- Listening to stories and singing familiar songs and rhymes.

Some websites you may find useful:
[Oxford Owl for Home: help your child learn at home - Oxford Owl](#)

Maths

Maths is taught daily as a whole class. This term, we will be looking at different mathematical concepts including:

- Matching, sorting and comparing objects.
- Comparing size, mass and capacity
- Exploring patterns and sequencing
- Reading, writing, counting and showing the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Recognising and naming shapes

Some websites you might find useful:

[Advice and guidance for parents](#) | [White Rose Education](#)

Advent 2—Exploring Autumn

This topic focusses on the experiences of Autumn the children have already (What is autumn and what might we do in autumn).

The children will be looking at what happens during Autumn regarding changes in nature. This includes types of animals, habitats and what they may eat.

The children will be encouraged to explore the outside spaces around school and outside of school. They can go on hunts and share finding with each other and make comparisons to other times of the year.



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Continuous Provision

The classroom is set up to maximise learning opportunities for the children. This will be a balance of adult led and child initiated learning and will be linked to our current topic as well as following the children's interests.

Our carefully planned continuous provision enables our children to learn skills, challenge their thinking and supports them to embed concepts. It is within this learning environment that the children will also develop key learning attributes and encourages children's engagement, independence, collaboration, self-confidence, resilience and curiosity.

Children have a weekly singing session with Mrs Jack, a PE slot on Monday morning and forest school on Friday (we will let you know the start date).

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This term we will be looking at creation and covenant whereby the children will be looking at the culture of prayer, God making the world and everything in it, baptism and how to look after the world. We will then move on to look at prophecy and promise which looks at the visitation from Angel Gabriel, the journey which Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem, the meaning of advent and how we prepare for this and how Jesus came into our world.