

Learning in Nyong'o Class Autumn 2021

Topics: Ourselves & Winter Wonderland

In Understanding the World we will be...

- talking about who is in our family and community.
- drawing information from a simple map.
- recognising materials and describing their properties.
- learning that materials change when they are heated, cooled or mixed with others.

In Expressive Arts and Design we will be...

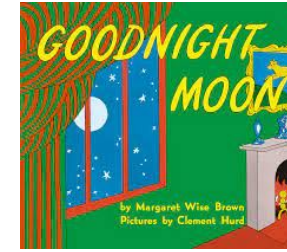
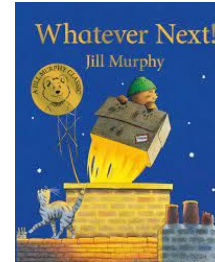
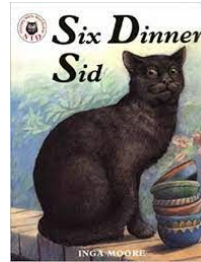
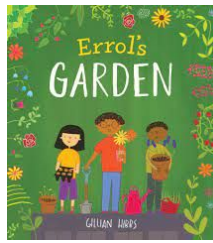
- learning how to accurately measure a piece of wood.
- learning how to carefully saw a piece of wood.
- exploring and learning how to join different materials together.
- Learning how to sew a running stitch.

On Wild Wednesday we will be...

Learning about plants and animals that might share our school grounds, how to help look after them in winter, learning about evergreen materials and doing a Christmas trail! Please remember to bring in your wellies on Wednesday and also some warm and waterproof clothes as will be out whatever the weather!



In Literacy we will be learning to love these books this term...



We will be developing our **reading & writing** skills by:

- hearing and saying the initial sound in words e.g. 'c' in 'cat'.
- beginning to read words.
- Spelling and writing some words by identifying the sounds that we can hear.
- recognising and writing our own name and other things such as labels and captions.

Phonics and Spelling

We will be learning & revisiting Phase 2 & Phase 3 sounds. We are also learning our first set of Common Exception Words (Tricky Words), which will be coming home on a sheet soon.

In Maths we will be...

Developing our mathematical knowledge and skills by:

- counting different amounts of objects.
- learning to subitise (numbers 1-5)
- learning to recognise the numbers to 10 and matching them to their correct amount of objects.
- learning about the one more than & one less than relationship between consecutive numbers.
- looking at addition by learning the number bonds up to 5 and then 10.
- looking at subtraction: by learning the subtraction facts for numbers from 5 and then 10.
- using mathematical names for different 2D and 3D shapes and begin to describe them.
- comparing different lengths & weights.
- finding out about and understanding different position & direction vocabulary.

As always, we will continue to develop our mathematical reasoning and problem solving, with opportunities in every independent session to explore and apply these skills. Within our lessons, we use a range of concrete, pictorial and abstract representations of concepts - allowing for a play-based approach to mathematical understanding wherever appropriate, in relation to the maths mastery approach.

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In RE, we will be discovering...

- What makes us feel special & what makes Christians feel special to God?
- What groups do we belong to? How do we know? What groups do religious people belong to?
- How are babies welcomed into the Christian family? How is a baby welcomed into the Muslim religion?
- Why Christians perform Nativity Plays at Christmas?
- What do Christians do at Church at Christmas?
- What special things do Christians do at Christmas to share God's love?

In PE, we will be learning...

Ball skills and then football! P.E will be taught on a Thursday morning this term up to Christmas. Remember to send your child to school with their winter P.E kit when the weather start to get colder, as we will be trying to do as much of this PE outside.

In PSHE, we will be thinking about 'Being Me in My World' & 'Celebrating Difference'.

Looking at...

- feelings & gentle hands.
- being at school, rights & responsibilities.
- I'm special, families and making friends.
- houses & homes and what we are good at.

Learning at home:

Phonics - Please could you aim to go over the phonics sounds with your child 3 times a week and begin to play the 'Roll & Read' games (starting this week) to help prepare your child for reading.

Reading - When the children are ready and start to receive a reading book, please aim to read these with them as often as possible. It would be a great help if you can make sure book bags with reading books come in every day so we can change books regularly.

Common Exception Words (Tricky Words) - Your child will soon be receiving the first list of tricky words to learn how to read and then spell. (Tricky Words Phase 2) Whilst we do not do any formal spelling tests in year R, it is a good idea to practice a few of these each week as it will really help them with their reading and writing.



As children of St Barnabas, we will be...

Remembering to follow our school rules of Ready, Respectful and Safe, and showing others how they can follow them too. We will also be aiming to show our values of Compassion, Courage and Creativity in everything we do, whilst encouraging others to do the same.

It has been wonderful to see how well all the children in Nyong'o Class have settled into school life and we are very proud of them! We have loved getting to know them over the past few weeks and we are so looking forward to the year ahead and the amazing things we know they are going to achieve.

We would like to thank you as parents & carers for your support in helping the children settle into school. It has really helped us transition them into their new school life smoothly and we couldn't do it without you all!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch via Class Dojo (more information on this next week) or the school office if you have any queries, questions or concerns. We are more than happy to help.

Best Wishes,

Miss Curry, Miss Ross & Mrs Watling

