Literacy

We have begun assessing the children's understanding of phonics and group children accordingly. Most Reception children will begin with Phase 2 sounds - SATPIN. Each letter is taught along with the sound it makes and has an action to accompany it to help the children remember them. For more information on this please ask.

This term will begin with us focusing on our fine motor skills and development of early writing and reading skills, including name recognition, learning to write our names, pre-cursive letter formation and initial sounds. We will be learning nursery rhymes related to our topic: 'London's burning' and 'The Wheels on the Bus', as well as making our own British passports.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning through a variety of play-based activities to include both number and shape work. We will be looking in great depth at each number individually starting with 1 and developing our understanding of how we make, draw and write each number. All of the children have a Mathletics login which allows them to access a range of mathematical games to play from home on a tablet or PC. Look out for your child's login in their book bags.

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Please come and speak to us should you need any assistance!

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Personal, Social and Emotional Development

As we get to know each other, we will learn school boundaries, routines, how to play fairly and show our school values. We will be looking closely at our value of trust' this term.

This term our topic is:

<u>'Our British Roots'</u>

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They are like trees that grow beside a stream that bear fruit at the right time and whose leaves do not dry up. They succeed in all they do. Psalm 1:3

Communication and Language

Through both classroom and circle time activities, we will be building our confidence to speak in front of our peers. We will also take part in listening games to develop an understanding for the need to listen carefully to others. Our role-play area this term will be a London Bus and we will also have lots of royal dressing up available.

Physical Development

As well as enjoying our free-flow activities outside and use of the climbing frame, we will also have PE lessons on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Please ensure your child has a labelled PE kit in school. We also partake in Active 10 - where we encourage all the children to be active, in many forms, for 10 minutes each day.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term we will be junk modelling London landmarks and looking at portraits, including designing our own stamps. Through our role-play opportunities we will explore shadow puppetry and we will also be learning to sing nursery rhymes and festival themed songs linked to the Christian festivals celebrated this term.

RE/Understanding the World

As we move through the term, we will consider the seasonal changes happening around us and will also look at the importance of festivals such as Harvest and later Christmas. In RE we will be learning about the Christian 'Creation' story and its importance to Christians.

By looking at 'Our British Roots' we will explore historical events such as The Great Fire of London and Samuel Pepys, The Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes and other important figures such as Winston Churchill and Queen Victoria.