

Our World – Our Responsibility – Parks and Gardens – FS1 Autumn Term 2

Communication & Language

We will be continuing to learn how to listen and follow instructions as we take part in a wide range of activities including making fruit skewers and creating Christmas artwork. We will be developing our vocabulary and confidence by recalling and discussing our focus stories which include 'Pumpkin Soup', 'Handa's Surprise' and 'We are going on a Bear Hunt.'

Physical Development

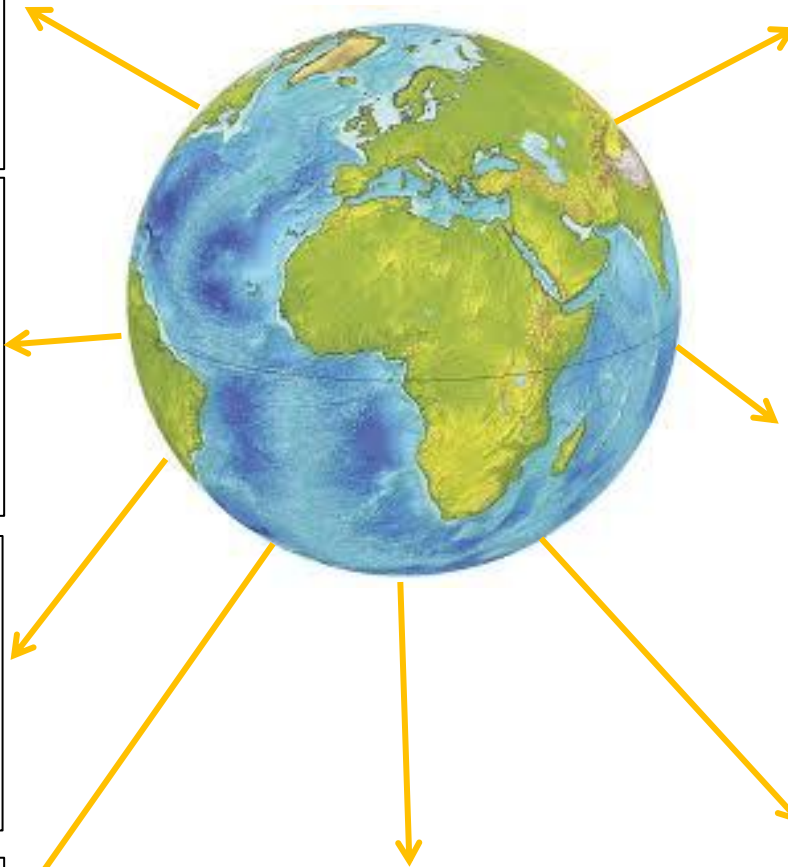
We will continue to develop our self-help skills and will be trying hard to put our coats on and manage our zips and buttons independently. We will be developing our gross motor skills by riding the bikes and scooters and taking part in throwing and catching activities. We will be developing our fine motor skills by using one handed tools and equipment, for example using tweezers and making snips in paper using scissors.

Personal, social, and emotional development

We will be learning to develop our sense of community, to know that we are in the Acorn class, and we are part of St Bernadette's school. We will be learning to follow the school rules and know why these rules are important. We will also be learning to build friendships with others and develop our language to be able to ask for a turn and solve conflicts independently.

RE

We will be learning why we celebrate Christmas as we share the Nativity story. We will also be learning religious Christmas songs to perform as part of our Christmas concert. In R.E our new topic is 'Prophecy and Promise' This topic teaches children that Mary was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother and talks about Mary's Joy and willingness to do what God asked of her.



Expressive arts and design

We will be learning new songs and actions for our Christmas concert. We will also be creating a class collage of the Bear from the story, 'We are going on a Bear Hunt' and we will be making story maps to sequence the story using different collage materials. We will also begin to develop complex stories using small world equipment like animal sets and people and dolls houses to re-tell stories as part of our 'Talk for Writing' scheme.

Literacy

We will be developing our auditory memories and learning how to listen carefully and copy up to three sounds. We will continue to retell stories using props to support our play and will talk about the characters and the beginning, middle and end of a story. We will be making marks on paper to begin to write our names and as part of our play to create price tags, shopping lists and to design toys as part of our Christmas role-play.

Maths

We will be learning to spot and recognise numbers in our environment and will develop our understanding of number as we count, compare and order numbers. We will also be learning about how to compare items by their size through our Christmas learning and will try to find the right size boxes for different gifts using mathematical language such as big, bigger, biggest, and small, smaller, and smallest.

Understanding the world

We will be learning about the world around us as we explore the outside environment and observe the changes as winter approaches. We will begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment through stories and discussions about how to look after the world around us. We will be reading Handa's Surprise which is set in Kenya to help us to understand how other countries may be different to England and to help us to continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between ourselves and others.