



Poppy Class Term 2

Me and My Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

Poppy class have settled in well and have made a great start at The Meadows. Thank you for all your support with this.

Our next topic will be 'Me and My Community'. The children will have visits from members of the Bitton Community and will take a trip to St Mary's Church. If anyone can volunteer to help, please let us know.

In **understanding of the world**, children will learn that they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from others, be able to talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects, enjoy playing with small world reconstructions, building on first-hand experiences, e.g. visiting the church, train rides, walk by the river or lake.

Through **technology**, the children will be able to turn on and operate some digital equipment, operate mechanical toys e.g. turns the knob on a wind-up toy or pulls back on a friction car, play with water to investigate "low technology" such as washing and cleaning and use pipes, funnels and other tools to carry /transport water from one place to another.

In **expressive arts**, children will tap out simple repeated rhythms, sing familiar songs, explore colours and how colours can change, develop an understanding of using lines to enclose a space and begin to use drawing to represent actions and objects based on imagination, observation, and experiences.

In **reading**, the children will continue to learn **phonics** through **RWI** and will represent initial sounds correctly with graphemes that they have learnt. They will continue to look at a story each week in drawing club. Please continue to read stories to your children at home and talk about main events in the story and predict what could happen next.

In **Maths**, we will be looking at finding, subtracting, representing and composing numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, finding 1 more and 1 less, identifying, naming and comparing circles and triangles and looking at shapes with 4 sides. To help at home, you could play games that involve a dice or dominos, spot numbers and shapes outdoors or make shape pictures.

Homework

Reading: Children are required to read with an adult 4 times a week at home and this should be recorded in their planner. This is checked on Mondays.

Phonics: Children are required to practice handwriting with the sounds learnt each week. Each child has a black folder for this. This is checked on Fridays.

PE will be on a **Mondays and Tuesdays**, and we will continue to visit Copse Corner on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure your children have wellies, waterproofs, and a warm under-layer for this.

As always, please speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely and restful half term break.

The EYFS team