RE

In RE, we will be reflecting on the importance of families and exploring why they are so special. We will share information about our own families, our school family and our wider community family, while learning about the Holy Family of **Mary, Joseph and Jesus**. We will also discover how Christians prepare for **Advent** and learn about the joyful celebration of **Jesus' birth at Christmas**.



Maths

n Maths, we will be exploring the language of size and using words such as **big, bigger, biggest, small, smaller and smallest** to compare objects and actions. We will continue learning about the numbers **1, 2 and 3**, recognising the numerals, counting objects accurately and matching the correct number to a group of objects. Children will practise showing these numbers on their fingers and making marks to represent how many they can see. We will also develop our subitising skills by recognising small quantities without counting and exploring that numbers can be made in different ways, such as **3 as 1 and 2, 2 and 1, or 3 and 0**. Through practical activities, songs and games, children will build confidence in their early mathematical understanding.

Term 2:

People who help us/ Christmas

Key dates for your diary:

Monday 9th November: Start of Term 2

Tuesday 10th November: Fire Officer visit**:** Fire safety

Friday 13th November: Nursery rhyme week dress up day- come as your favourite Nursery rhyme character

Wednesday 25th November-Tuesday 1st December: Book Fair

Monday 30th November: St. Andrew's Day: Wear blue

Thursday 3rd December: Nursery Christmas Performance at 2pm (Parking available on the school playground)

Monday 7th-Friday 11th December: Santa's Grotto week; Book via Arbor

Tuesday 10th December: Christmas jumper day/Christmas dinner day-order via the school office

Friday 11th December: Christmas Fair from 3pm

Friday 18th December: Tag Day/Last day of Term: 2pm Finish

Monday 4th January: Start of Term 3

English

In English, we will enjoy sharing a variety of stories linked to our topic of **community helpers** and the Christmas season. We will read books such as *Who Helps Me: Community Helpers*, *A Superhero Like You*, books from the *Busy People* series, *Zog and the Flying Doctors* and *Santa Post*. Through these stories, children will develop their listening and communication skills, learn new vocabulary and join in with repeated phrases. We will explore rhyming words, retell familiar stories and talk about our favourite characters and events. Children will also be encouraged to make marks in a variety of ways and begin to give meaning to the marks they make, helping them to develop early writing skills and confidence in expressing their ideas.

Understanding the World/Expressive Arts and Design

This term, we will be learning about **Diwali** and exploring a range of creative activities inspired by this special festival. We will create artwork based on **diya lamps**, investigate colourful **rangoli** and **mehndi** patterns, and make crafts using a variety of materials and techniques. As we prepare for Christmas, we will also create festive craft items and learn songs for our Christmas performance. In addition, we will be thinking about our **community helpers**, learning about the important jobs they do and how they help and support us in our everyday lives.