



## Learning Priorities

Over this half term we are focusing on a range of learning priorities. These will be taught through a range of topics, lead by and adapted to meet the children's interests and needs. We will be incorporating My Garden and Growing into our learning.

In line with Early Years practice, all the ideas for helping your child are practical and will help your child to develop a deeper understanding of the topic, rather than worksheets being sent home. **You can place evidence of the activities and chats you have had in their 'My News Books' Have fun and be creative!**



## Come & See



We will be learning about:

**Good News:** How everyone has Good News to tell and of Pentecost; the celebration of the Good News of Jesus.

**Friends:** How they make friends and how Jesus had good friends; what Jesus tells us about friendship.



## Reception

### Summer 1 Overview 2015

**Dear Parent or Carer,** Welcome back to the new half term. This term we are focusing on becoming independent and helpful in our class. All children have been very enthusiastic about trying new things by themselves and are all eager to become class helpers. Well done to all those children who have been getting ready by themselves in the morning. In order to get a prompt start to the day, get the registers done and then start our lessons, the children need to be sorted and on the carpet by 8.55am at the latest. Please be aware that the side door the children enter will be closed at 8.55am prompt. We ask for the safety of your children, that after this time all adults leave by the main entrance. If you have any messages/queries please can you give these to Mrs Fox or any of the Ladies on the door, who will pass these onto me ASAP.



## Reception Busy Bee Project - Pets



As all areas of your child's Learning and Development are connected to one another and are equally important we are asking the children to carry out some 'Busy Bee' work over the next half term. This is to help the children develop their confidence in learning about the world around them through first hand experiences. Our focus is on Pets. **Each week, we ask that you and your child complete 1 activity from 1 area of learning; spending around 10-15 minutes on it.**

By the end of the 6 weeks your child will have completed 1 activity from each area of learning. Any evidence of their activities is to be kept at home and handed in altogether with their Busy Bee sheet on **Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June**. Their 'Busy Bee' sheet, explaining more about this work is attached at the end of this Overview. We look forward to looking at and displaying any evidence of your child's activities in the following weeks.



## Exploration & Investigation

In class the children are encouraged to explore and investigate the world around them. **In the following weeks we are focusing on building your child's investigative skills.** All children have enquiring minds and love to ask questions, especially 'Why?'

Two leaflets; 'Science all around' and 'Questions and Answers' give ideas on how to develop these skills. These have been sent home with this overview.

Over the following weeks the children will be having lots more fun in our garden. We will be watching our strawberries grow and planting lots of seeds. Then we will be focusing on growing flowers. We will be planting seeds and watching them grow in our class allotment plot. The children are looking forward to bringing any flowers they grow home. This will help the children develop their understanding of growing through first hand experiences. We will be focusing on information texts throughout this half term.

**Any donations of seeds to the Reception class would be greatly appreciated.**

If you have any concerns or queries please feel free to contact me.

Many Thanks,  
Mrs Li