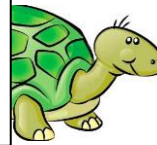


Hi, we are the
Joyful Giraffes and
our teacher is Mrs
Wood-Stones!



Hi, we are the
Terrific Turtles
and our teacher
is Mr Price!



Hi, we are the Busy
Bees and our teacher
is Miss Freear!



What are we learning this half term?

Our topics for this half term and how you can help at home:

Our **Christian Value** for this half term is **Thankfulness**. We will be talking about the different things we are thankful for in our world. As Mothering Sunday approaches we will consider why we are thankful for our grown-ups and the things they do for us. Through our superhero topic we will also look at everyday heroes, such as doctors, fire fighters etc and think about why we are thankful for them.

Key vocabulary: thankful, grateful, appreciate, kind, qualities, help, support, love, family, friends

Families and people who care for me is our **RHE (Relationships and Health Education)** focus for this half term. As part of this topic, the children will be understanding how families are important because they can give love, security and stability. We will look at the characteristics of a healthy family life and discuss how other families may look different to ours. The children will also learn that family relationships should make them feel happy and safe and how to seek help and advice if needed.

Key vocabulary: emotions, family, love, care, together, same, different, help.

R.E: Our RE big question this half term is 'Why do Christians put a cross in the Easter garden?' The children will be exploring the Easter story through the Bible and our Messy church sessions. They will also look at different Easter traditions and why these are important to Christians. We will conclude by building our own Easter garden and discussing the different parts that we have chosen. The children will also be visiting All Saints Church as part of our Easter celebrations.

Key vocabulary: God, cross, sacrifice, Hosanna, Jesus, tomb, risen, Bible, Easter, palm.

Superheroes: We will be thinking about real life heroes that would help us in an emergency. We will be having some special visitors in school to help us stretch our 'Be Curious' learning muscle. We will be thinking about the qualities and values that these people have and explore a range of non-fiction texts. We will also be learning about fantasy superheroes in a range of ways. We will use 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra to enhance our storytelling. The evil pea will be creating chaos in our classrooms and we will be thinking about ways to save the other vegetables. We will create wanted posters, comic strips and think about what characters might think or say using speech and thought bubbles.

Key vocabulary: emergency, rescue, 999, trust, support, help, save, hero, villain, mission, power, rescue, protect

Easter: We will be having our 'Messy Church' day where there will be lots of different activities linked to the Easter story. We will be creating art work, tasty treats and reflecting upon and discussing what happened to Jesus at Easter time. This is a story of ups and downs and can be found in your 'Children of God' bible which you have at home. You might like to share this as a bedtime story.

Key vocabulary: Easter, betrayed, cross, new life, resurrect, save, Jesus, palm, supper

Spring (season): The daffodils and other spring flowers have started to grow in our outdoor area. We will look at the changes that we can expect during spring and why they are happening. This links in with the story of Easter where we think of new life and starting again. We will also be looking at the story 'We're going on an egg hunt' where we will be developing our mathematical skills and thinking about different baby animals.

Key vocabulary: season, weather, spring, grow, plant, new life, bud, roots

Please use the key vocabulary with your child as often as you can. You might want to investigate what these words meaning using the internet or a dictionary.

www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english

Pupil Progress Meetings

Thank you so much for the support that you provide to your child. We have been blown away by the effort that the children have shown during the first Spring half term. The next pupil progress meetings are on the **18th March**. There will be a times booking sheet available next week, where you will be able to book in with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. If you require any further support or resources please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.



Home Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everybody back after our break and hope that you feel refreshed to start another half term with us in school. We are certainly looking forward to our upcoming topics and amazing learning that is going to take place.

We strive to continue to provide the very best education for all our children and we are looking forward to working closely with you at home.

Your continued hard work at home and the work your child does in school can help provide them with the early basic skills that are essential for later life. We know that the children will continue to blow us away with their outstanding learning!

P.E.

This half term, the children will continue their PE sessions with Mr Price on a Thursday afternoon. They will be developing their balancing, coordination, agility and control. They will be challenged at different height levels above ground floor using a range of apparatus as part of their gymnastics topic. The children are in training as part of our 'Superheroes' class topic. We have been impressed with the children's independence when getting changed for PE over the past two weeks. Please can we ask that your child has plain navy- blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a white t-shirt (which are fully named) in school. **Children will now be going home in their PE kit so please make sure that this is appropriate for the weather e.g. plain tracksuit bottoms rather than shorts for the colder months. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is back in school for the next session.**

ACE ATTENDERS

We had lots of children with a total of 96% or above attendance for the full Autumn Term.

It is important that to remember that:

A MISSED DAY = LOST LEARNING

Please can we remind you that if your child is absent from school you must phone the school office on the same day by 9.15am.

Mrs Ballance, our learning mentor, will be once again closely tracking the attendance and punctuality of all our children.

This term we are hoping that all children in the Foundation Stage can reach our 96% attendance target.

LEARNING AT HOME

Please continue to help your child with their learning at home by:

- Sharing any wow moments from home in school
- Sharing a bedtime story
- Find and share books from home linked to our topics.
- Helping your child to recognise, read and order numbers to 10 and confidently talk about them.
- Encouraging your child to write on a regular basis (this could be letters, shopping lists, cards, stories etc)

British Science Week w/c 11th March 'Time'

We are very excited for our upcoming Science Week, where we will be taking part in a range of activities to stretch our learning muscles. Our amazing learning will be shared on Twitter throughout the week so please take a look. Can you make some shadow puppets at home and bring them to school?

We are already thinking about how to celebrate the wonderful ladies in our lives for Mother's Day. With this in mind, please could your child bring in a photograph of the special lady in their life. Thank you.

READING

A bit of reading each day goes a long way!

It is vital that your child reads regularly and we are looking forward to working alongside you to ensure they can flourish in their reading journey. Please make sure that you write in your child's orange reading record so that we can see what has taken place at home. Please see your child's class teacher if you require any resources to support with reading.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please feel free to come and see us at the end of any school day. Our classroom doors are always open!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

World Book Day - 7th March (Dress up)

British Science Week 'Time' - w/c 11th March

Mother's Day Service in Church (1EB leading Worship) - 8th March

UFS Parent Meetings - 18th March

Oral Health Workshops 20th March

Easter parade - 20th March

Easter service in church (led by 2LB class) 22nd March at 9:15am

School closes for the Easter break - 2pm on 22nd March.

A big thank you to everyone!

Mr Price, Miss Freear, Mrs Wood-Stones and the Foundation Team.