



## Palmers Cross Reception Summer Term 2021

<p><b>Welcome back.</b> We hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break!!</p> <p>As always, this term our learning will take place through a mix of adult led and child initiated sessions indoors and outdoors. The children will guide our learning wherever possible. Many activities are open-ended to allow the children to develop various 'Characteristics of Effective Learning'.</p> <p>We will begin the term with our topic 'Down at the bottom of the Garden', where we will use stories as a basis for our learning. Stories will include, Super worm, Jack &amp; the Beanstalk, The Hungry Caterpillar and Titch.</p> <p>To get our learning off to an amazing start we will be hosting 'The Ugly Bug Ball' on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April where children can dress up as a bug for the day and engage in many of our fun activities as well as attend the ball itself.</p> <p>After half term, we will re-focus our learning on to a new topic called 'seaside'.</p>	<p><b>Literacy</b> The children will build upon their phonic and word knowledge and will be applying this in their writing. They will continue their word and sentence building work, incorporating accurate letter formation and continue to develop their sentences using their phonic skills and common exception words. Story writing over the summer term will support this development. They will continue to take home reading books following our scheme including both fiction and non-fiction books. Comprehension focus will be developed with children through their independent and class reading.</p> 
<p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b> Through all areas of the curriculum, the children will continue to develop their skills surrounding making relationships, self-confidence and awareness and managing their feelings and behaviour.</p>	<p><b>Mathematics</b> As budding mathematicians in Reception the children will continue to rehearse counting to 20 and then beyond 20. They will practise counting in different patterns and will continue to recognise numbers in their written form. They will also begin to double and halve numbers up to 10.</p> <p>Much of our mathematical work will be practical, using apparatus such as cubes and small toys. The children will also learn about capacity and time.</p>
<p><b>Communication and Languages</b> Through all areas of the curriculum, children will develop their speaking, listening and attention and understanding skills. They will listen attentively to stories, learn to follow instructions accurately and will learn to express themselves clearly.</p>	<p><b>Understanding the World</b> Through all areas of the curriculum, especially topic, children will continue to develop their knowledge of People and Communities, The World and Technology. They will enjoy relating their experiences to those they are learning about.</p>
<p><b>Physical Development</b> Children receive 2 taught PE lessons each week but have daily access to our outdoor classroom, allowing their gross motor skills to be refined. The children will also improve their fine motor skills by taking part in daily fine motor activities such as cutting and threading.</p>	<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b> Through all areas of the curriculum children will continue to develop their skills by exploring and using different media and materials and by being imaginative.</p>
<p><b>Homework</b> Children will continue to be asked to read at home each week in order to support their progress in school. Additionally your child will have creative homework on a regular basis set in their homework book.</p>	<p><b>RE</b> will be taught through all of our areas, especially PSED.</p>