



## Wareham St Mary Primary School

### Spring Term 1 - People Who Help Us

#### **Home Learning:**

We will continue with sending reading books home each week for the children to read. These books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Every Friday we will also be sending home a book to love. This will be a story from our reading corner that you can read to your child over the week. These will be changed every Friday.

A gentle reminder to please ensure your child's reading book and reading record is brought into school every day as we read with the children in school weekly.

We will continue to allocate Phonics bug club books and games online. We often play the phonics games as part of our lessons. The children really enjoy these in school and are excited to be able to share the games with you at home.



Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all!

This curriculum leaflet is designed to give you an overview of what your child will be learning about in this half term.

We will keep you updated with our learning on Marvellous Me so please make sure you have this activated.

If you have any questions or need any support please do not hesitate to contact us using our class email

[ladybirds.WSM@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:ladybirds.WSM@coastalpartnership.co.uk) or see me or a member of staff in the Early Years team.

#### **Topic overview:**

This half term our topic is "People Who Help Us". We will be looking at people who help us in the community such as the emergency services. If you know of anyone who has a job helping others, such as a paramedic, member of the RNLI or coastguard who would like to come and talk to the children, please let us know as we love having visitors in school. If we are unable to have visitors in school depending on restrictions we can organise a pre-recorded message or a live feed through Google classrooms.

**Our Christian Value this term is:** Courage

We will be looking at how we can be courageous in everyday life.

## Prime Areas Communication & Language

- Listening to our adults and friends
- Taking turns
- Communicating our ideas to others
- Asking questions
- Answering 'how' and 'why' questions
- Introducing new vocabulary (see Vocabulary mat)

## Physical Development

- Health and self-care: hand washing
- Being able to throw and catch a ball/ bean bag
- Fine motor and pencil control (pincer grip)
- Forming letters the correct way and beginning to write on a line.
- PE theme - gymnastics

## Personal, Social, & Emotional Development

- Following school routines and rules
- Problem solving
- Understanding emotions - recognising my own and others
- Making healthy choices about food and looking after their bodies
- SCARF - Valuing differences

## RE

- Our theme is celebrations. We will be looking at what makes people special and why do people celebrate.

## Specific Areas

### Literacy

- Phonics Phase 3 - phonemes and tricky words
- Writing captions and labels for our pictures
- Writing CVC words and beginning to construct a sentence.
- Reading and sharing stories with each other
- Retelling stories and sequencing stories
- Exploring new words
- Writing for a purpose
- Learning poems from 'The Poetry Basket'

### Understanding the World

- Talk about similarities and differences between ourselves and others in different parts of the world
- Talk about the changes in Season from Autumn to winter
- Talking about Chinese New Year and how people celebrate this tradition

### Maths

- Counting different amounts of objects to 10
- Finding one more and 1 less than a given number.
- Adding two groups of objects and recording
- Using Mathematical language such as 'bigger', 'smaller', 'longer', 'shorter'
- Comparing objects by height and by length.
- Introduction to time
- Comparing numbers

### Expressive Arts & Design

- Using our Doctor surgery to role play and extend our vocabulary
- Using tools and materials to make our own emergency vehicles from junk modelling
- Painting our own emergency workers.
- Making our own Chinese New Year decorations and musical instruments