

APRIL 2018



News from U3

As we return to school after the Easter holidays we are all hoping for better weather so we can get outside again and enjoy some sunshine and fresh air! This will be particularly important for U3 this term as we have a number of things planned which involve us leaving the classroom!

The general theme for the term is "Our Community" and we hope to be able to get out and about. This will include trips to the local shops and amenities and hopefully, to places further afield such as Belton House. Going out allows everyone to practise their life skills, be it handling money and shopping for cookery ingredients or greeting unfamiliar people appropriately.



This term in RE we will be looking at places of worship in the local area so we will visit several of our local churches. As well as experiencing the different styles of buildings, we will look at objects found there, related to the Christian faith and will also think about the ceremonies which take place in churches. This will include talking about baptisms and weddings. If you have any family photos of events taking place in a church, it would be nice to look at them with your son or daughter. Equally, if you have the opportunity to visit any places of worship where you live, that would be useful too.

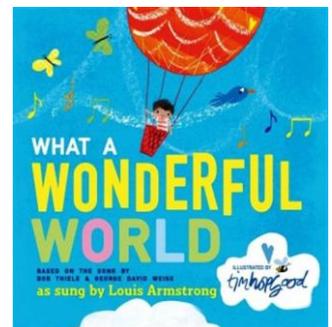
Our bottle green-house needs some attention after the long winter and we would like to replace some of the plastic bottles currently in use with new ones. We will probably resort to taking the structure apart and washing some of the old ones but it would be easier in many ways to substitute the old for new. If you have any 2litre plastic bottles, please send them to us in school to make use of. Once this is done, we will be able to use the green house for cultivating our plants and seeds. This forms part of our science work this term.

For our careers/work-related learning, we are going to think about the different jobs people do in our local community. This will start within school and then extend to the people we come across on a regular basis such as



shop workers or drivers. We will focus on things such as what the workers do, the clothes or uniforms they wear and the things they need to do their jobs. As always when we do this type of work, it will link to communication and maths targets for some of the students. Again, if out and about, you might be able to talk about the people you see who are working.

We will be continuing with work about the weather, seasons and the natural world. The first book we are going to read this term as a sensory story is based on the famous song sung by Louis Armstrong, "What a Wonderful World". In addition to using this book as a basis for trying to achieve some communication targets, it will hopefully provide some inspiration for some art and D.T work. We will also set up the sensory room with objects and effects to help create "a wonderful world".



The days and weeks seem to go by very quickly. We try to plan for all the other lessons and experiences that the students in U3 like and need, including music, cooking and ICT. Most of the students have their own personal targets around communication, which includes the use of communication aids and switch work. They also have programmes of work to maintain or improve their physical condition. Some students have complex health needs. These routines also have to be fitted in on a daily or regular basis.

We appreciate that your time at home is also pressured and so we are always grateful for the support you can give your son or daughter, backing up the work we do at school.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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