



Purleigh Community Primary School

Spring Term 2025

Welcome Back, Year R!

This term our topics are:



and



How Can We Help?

As part of our topic 'How Can We Help?', we will be talking about the emergency services and people in our communities. This is a chance for us to find out how the emergency services support us in our daily lives and what they can do to help in an emergency. The children will be learning when and how to call for these services, as well as how to decide the service they may need. We will also be focusing on other helpful people in our community such as construction workers, delivery drivers, postal workers and vets.

In weeks 1 to 4, we will be learning all about calling 999 and asking for an emergency service. We will be looking at a different service each week. These are, the police service, the fire service, the ambulance service, and the coastguard. We will also be learning about the different roles and responsibilities that these services have. We will be talking about the resources that they have and need to do their jobs, including service animals and emergency vehicles.

During weeks 5 and 6, we will be taking a look at helpful people closer to home. We will be talking about where we live, and the people who help us every day. This will include learning around vets, builders, postal workers and many more. We will once again be looking at the different resources they need to do their job, and what they do to help us. We will be thinking about what life would be like without these people and how they are sometimes forgotten or underappreciated as helpful people.

Tell Me a Story

After half term we will be starting a new topic, 'Tell Me a Story'. This topic will teach the children about a variety of stories and genres of book. We will be focusing on the authors Julia Donaldson, Quentin Blake, and Eric Carle. We will be exploring the world of stories and finding out how to write

our own. We will be learning about characters both good and bad, and how to describe them using words and pictures.

During weeks 1 and 2, we will be focusing on Julia Donaldson. We will be looking at her character, the Gruffalo, and learning about all the adjectives she uses to describe him throughout the book. We will be focusing on rhyming words and creating our own characters for a whole class story.

In weeks 3 and 4, we will be learning about Eric Carle. This is an opportunity for the children to learn about story structure. We will focus on how characters have a problem that needs to be solved by the end of the story. The children will be thinking of interesting problems for their characters and what could happen to them during the story and why.

Weeks 5 and 6 will focus on Quentin Blake's stories. The children will be learning about how to end a story and find solutions to the problems in the book. We will be focusing on being imaginative and finding the wackiest way to fix the characters problem. We will be designing interesting inventions and making them out of the different resources we have in school.

Homework:

Please see the Year R Spring Term homework document. The children should bring in pieces of homework as they complete them each week. Work will be marked and homework books returned each Friday.

Other than the list of homework tasks given, listening to your child read on a daily basis will be crucial to his or her progress. At school, reading books will be changed regularly to make sure your child has new reading material. Talking to your child about his or her choice of book and what is happening in the story will develop greater comprehension and literary skills, as well as practicing their phonics sounds and words. Please encourage your child to read a variety of books from home and from school and record all feedback in the reading record book.

Reading books to your child which is beyond the level of that which they can read independently will contribute towards extending his or her vocabulary and will support development of writing.

Many thanks,

Miss Cook