# Poppy Class Term 2- Me and My Community

Dear Parents and Carers,

Poppy Class have settled in well and have made a fantastic start at The Meadows. Thank you for your continued support.

Our next topic is 'Me and My Community'. The children will learn about the people who help us and the important roles they play in our community. We hope to welcome some special visitors, including a vet, the police and someone from the library. We will also visit St Mary's Church. If anyone is able to volunteer to help, please let us know.

**Understanding the World** The children will explore their local community, learn about people who help us and discuss their observations and experiences. They will also enjoy exploring natural objects and developing their imaginative play through small-world activities.

**Technology** The children will explore digital equipment, mechanical toys and everyday technology through practical activities, including washing, cleaning and transporting water using different tools.

**Expressive Arts** The children will explore colours and colour mixing, sing familiar songs, tap out rhythms and create pictures and models inspired by their imagination and experiences.

**Reading and Phonics** The children will continue learning phonics through Read Write Inc. (RWI) and practise recognising sounds and writing the graphemes they have learnt. Please continue to read with your child at home, discussing the story, characters and what might happen next.

**Maths** We will focus on recognising, subitising, representing and composing numbers 1–5, finding one more and one less, and identifying and comparing circles, triangles and shapes with four sides. At home, you could play dice or domino games, spot numbers and shapes outdoors, or create pictures using different shapes.

**Reading:** Please read with your child five times a week and record this in their planner. Planners are checked daily.

**Phonics:** Please practise handwriting the sounds learnt each week using your child's coloured phonics folder. These are checked on Fridays.

**PE and Forest School** PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This term, the children will develop their gymnastics skills and practise ball skills using their hands, including throwing and catching.

We will continue to visit Forest School on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child brings wellies, waterproof clothing and a warm under-layer.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an exciting term full of new experiences and discoveries!

Warm wishes,

**Miss Jones and the EYFS Team**

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