

Dear families,

We hope you've all had a restful Christmas and New Year and students are all happy and excited to be back at school! This term, we are continuing with our 'Love Makes a House a Home' topic, as the Nativity focus last term took priority (we hope you enjoyed the finished product!)



As part of our QUEST lessons this term, we have the fantastic opportunity to be visiting Horsham leisure centre to have swimming sessions. These are relaxed and in the shallow pool, so there's no expectation for students to be competent swimmers – the primary focus is developing students' awareness of what's available in their local area and community, and giving them the confidence to access these resources in the future.

It was lovely to see you all at the end of last term for our showing of Noisy Nativity, thank you for taking time out of your schedules to attend, I know it meant a lot to the children. There are no scheduled meetings for this half term, but if you ever want to meet with us, please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting via Dojo or through the school office.

As always, please keep in touch via Class Dojo – we love hearing from you and finding out about your weekends!

Many thanks,

*Laura & Richard*



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**Term 3**  
**"Love Makes a House  
a Home."**



## **PSHE**

We will be exploring more about ourselves and the world we live in. This includes different types of families and homes, belonging to a community and respecting our differences.



## **Cooking**

We will be focusing on 'lunches' this half term, making pasta dishes, hot and cold sandwiches including wraps, and filled pasties.



## **QUEST**

We will be exploring the local area to see what activities are available and improving students' confidence in accessing facilities. We will be attending swimming sessions at Horsham leisure centre to improve their confidence in the water and develop social skills at the same time.



## **Literacy**

Our main class text, around which the majority of this term's work will be based, is 'What We'll Build' by Oliver Jeffers. This will provide prompts for a range of activities and learning opportunities. We will also be reading other books by Oliver Jeffers as part of our daily reading. In Phonics, we will be focusing on developing blending and segmenting skills within Level 2. You should have received a letter about Rhino Readers - it would be great for students to regularly access these books at home with you.



## **Art**

In Art this term, students will be exploring abstract art through looking at, replicating and then synthesising the work of abstract artists such as Hilma af Klint and Wassily Kandinsky. Students will use mono-printing, oil pastels and collage to produce a final piece by the end of the term.



## **Science**

We will begin to explore properties of materials, linked to 'The Three Little Pigs' - what is a good material to make a building out of? We will then develop scientific thinking through investigating permeability - what's the best material to use for a roof to keep the rain out?



## **Numeracy**

We will be continuing to work on numbers within 20, developing counting skills from any given number both forwards and backwards and using equipment to support with simple addition and subtraction problems. We will also be looking at 2D shapes, naming them and recognising them in different orientations as well as putting shapes together to create different pictures!



## **Computing**

We will be using iPads this half term to develop some basic coding skills using 'Scratch Jr'. Students will use dragging and dropping to programme characters on the screen, building on the work they've done with BeeBots in the first half term to recognise the cause and effect of different 'blocks'.