

RE - Our RE question this term is: Why is the word 'God' important to Christians?

In church, Christians sing songs of praise to God to show how grateful they are for the world. The children could make up their own thank you song or enjoy this version of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FT_oDqOEGpc

VALUE - This term we will be thinking about the value of Compassion. Children could do something to help a friend or relative who is lonely or unwell.

CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE LEARNING - These underpin all learning and development in Reception and support children to remain effective and motivated learners.

Playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go'

Play with your child and encourage them to explore and pretend. Allow them to follow their own interests and help them learn about the things they are curious about.

Active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements

Help your child to choose what they want to do and how they will do it. Encourage them to talk about how they did things and what they are pleased with. Praise your child for effort and concentration.

Creating and thinking critically - children develop their own ideas and strategies for doing things.

Allow your child to design and create freely. Talk to them about what they are doing and how they plan to do it, what worked well and what they would change next time.

St Michael's Home Learning Pick and Mix -
Reception Class



To cover the weeks beginning
4th and 11th May

BEST OF BRITISH

The focus for these two weeks is on
People Who Help Us.

Ideas to discuss linked to our topic.

Talk about the emergency services—what to do if they need help?

What does a police officer do? A firefighter? A doctor or nurse?

Who else may help us in our community?
Traffic warden refuse collector, librarian, vet, dentist, postmen and women.

This website is really useful for ideas, information, video clips and a photo gallery. You don't need to log in to use it.

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/people-who-help-us>

Learn your address

Celebrate VE Day - talk about family members who fought in the war, or who lived through the war.

Activities inspired by our topic

Make a book about people who help us or about friendship

Make badges to wear when someone has been helpful.

Be helpful! Do the cleaning.

Make a family tree—talk about the lives of their family

You could use junk modelling to make an emergency vehicle, like this fire engine from egg boxes. Or these police officers made from toilet roll tubes.

Alistair Bryce-Clegg is continually adding more fantastic ideas to his home learning page. [Home Learning - ABC Does](#)



Watch this version of The Jolly Postman by Janet and Alan Ahlberg

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gpeo_OyoD0k



This topic lends itself to role play and the children might remember making "Not-a-box" in school and using boxes to make their own vehicle or library. Or this post box—great for encouraging letter writing.

Use old clothing/fabric to help your child design and make their own costumes/outfits.

Hunt for interesting items around the home/shed/garage that could be used for role play – boxes, old curtains, fabrics, pegs, recycling (bottles, card tubes), old car/bike tyres, suitcases, cushions.



Celebrate VE Day - Have a tea party, make cakes, dress up in red, white and blue. Make union jack flags or bunting, create poppies, make lists of picnic items, create a small world or teddy celebration, create poster to say thank you to the soldiers to display in the window.