

Spring 1 2024

Your chance to shine



Literacy

As readers we listen to stories about Supertato, the Gruffalo, the Gruffalo's child as well as the traditional or cultural stories Hansel and Gretel and Chinese New Year. We will share our thoughts and ideas with our friends and learn about rhyming and story structure.

In phonics we will continue to recognise, write and use phase 2 and 3 letter sounds.

As writers we will learn how to write words, captions and simple sentences using our phonic knowledge.

Expressive Arts and Design

As artists we will be exploring different media and materials to create story scenes and settings. We will also be creating masks dough models and Chinese lanterns.

We will use our imagination to create dragons and use them to perform a Chinese New Year dragon dance. We will explore instruments to find the best sounds to accompany the dance.

Communication and Language

We will be learning to recognise question vocabulary and practice answering questions in short sentences as we talk about our work and experiences.

We will be extending our vocabulary with rhyming and alliterative words and phrases.

We will be retelling familiar stories through small world and role

Reception

What are we learning
about this half term?

Our topic is:

Favourite Stories –
Traditional tales

Physical development

We will be doing lots of finger gym activities such as threading, cutting, letter and number formation to develop our fine motor skills.

We all like a treat this half term we will be looking at making healthy choices when eating and why this is important.

In P.E. we will be focusing on Gymnastics. We will be learning how to create different shapes and letters using our body. We will also look at how to travel in a variety of ways.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will continue number recognition and accurate 1-1 counting to 20+. We will learn to count forwards and backwards along a number line and begin to subitise (recognise an amount without counting) to 5. We will learn how to record addition.

We will learn to name and describe 2d and 3d shapes and use them to create pictures and patterns. We will understand how we can make numbers and begin to

Understanding the world

We will be learning about festivals and celebrations, finding out about Shrove Tuesday, Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year as we discover more about our community. We will be making pancakes and tasting Chinese food.

In learning about the world we will learn about nocturnal animals, which animals live in forests and which animals live in very cold parts of the world covered in snow and ice. We will be investigating freezing and melting.

We will be learning about healthy living and what this means.

Personal, social and emotional development/RE

Through PSED lessons we will begin to recognise and name emotions and look at how we can change how we are feeling when we are sad, scared, worried or angry.

We will be talking about who we love and why? – Valentine's Day.

In RE we will be finding out - Why the word God special to Christians?