

### Communication and language/Literacy

This half term we will continue to experiment with mark making!

We will try hard to write our names and other words using: Pencils, felt-tips, chalks and much more. The reception children will be writing simple sentences and learning to read, write and use the key words.

We will share nursery rhymes including 'Twinkle Twinkle' and 'Humpty Dumpty'. We will be looking at stories such as We're Going on a Bear Hunt, and favourite stories by Julia Donaldson.

### Mathematical development

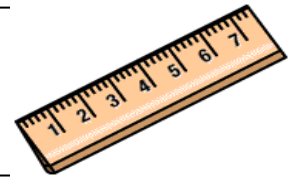
This topic allows us to cover a range of Mathematical skills in exciting and practical ways. Children's number skills will be developed by interactive games and playing in the environment.

We will focus on shape names and their properties. We will also be looking at measuring in the environment and playing lots of maths games in small groups.

Children will also be involved in challenges and encouraged to solve problems in teams.



### Favourite Stories and Authors



### Other activities

In Understanding the World children will be thinking about the weather related to the story. We're going on a bear hunt." We will also begin to explore different places and compare the environment. Children will also have opportunities to follow their own interests and be given time to investigate these.

In Expressive Arts and Designs children will have the opportunity to work with a variety of different media, including paint, pencils, charcoal and pastels. Our topics will be used as a starting point for producing story pictures, collages and drawings.

In Personal, Social and Emotional Development the ongoing focus will be on rules and routines. We aim to provide opportunities for children to get to know each other and develop friendships. We will also talk about staying safe and begin to understand ways to do this.

In Physical Development the children will have opportunities to act out the stories they are reading. We will be matching movement to music, linking the tempo with emotions. The children will have opportunities to develop their gross motor skills in the outdoor area by using large play equipment and balls. The children's fine motor skills will continue to be a key focus through pencil control, crafts and small hands on activities.

On Fridays the Reception children will do PE in the hall. They need a PE kit, and to be able to get changed into shorts and T-shirt.

### **Please remember...**

Foundation Stage children are asked for a voluntary contribution of **50p** per child per week. We use this money to buy resources that your children use up quickly.

**All clothing needs to be named clearly.** We will have 60 red jumpers in the classroom!

Reception Book bags need to be in school every day.

Reception Reading Books are changed every Monday so please could you write a comment in the book when you have heard your child read.

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