

Let's share a story



Mathematical development

In Maths this half term we will explore size, mass, capacity and patterns and learn to describe and compare these using the correct Mathematical language.

We will focus on numbers 0-5, developing our knowledge of place value, more and less and ordering and comparing these numbers. We will also begin to explore some 2D shapes and their properties, focusing initially on circles and triangles.

Reading and writing



This half term we will continue with our Phase 2 Phonics programme, learning more sounds and practicing segmenting and blending these sounds. Lots of our learning this half term will be focused around traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk, The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man. We will continue to practise holding our pencil correctly, making marks and writing some initial sounds using different media.



Personal, social and emotional development

This half term we will focus on understanding, naming and dealing with different emotions. We will also begin to think about our own and others identity and explore different cultures and ways of life with our 'identities and diversity' topic.

Communication and language development

This half term we will continue to develop our confidence in speaking in front of our classmates during circle time sessions and in front of an audience during our Christmas Nativity. We will also be broadening our vocabulary using 'Grandma Fantastic' in our English lessons.

Expressive arts and design



This half term we will explore different materials, talk about their properties and join them together when building houses for the Three Little Pigs. We will draw with increasing complexity and use our chalk firework drawings to represent movement and loud noises. Our Music focus this half term is 'voice'. Children will pitch-match a small range of notes and perform actions alongside music in our Christmas Nativity.

Physical development



This half term children will be developing their ball skills. They will practise and develop skills which include controlling a ball, rolling and throwing a ball, bouncing a ball, kicking a ball, catching a ball and striking a ball. They will develop individual skills, as well as learning how to play a few simple games and become part of a team.



Understanding the world



This half term we will focus on the past and the stories behind Bonfire Night and Remembrance. We will also carry out a range of experiments from how to cool Goldilocks porridge, how to build a house to withstand the Wolf and how to help the Gingerbread Man cross the river. Our R.E. focus is 'why is Christmas special for Christians?' where we learn that the Nativity story