

## This Half Term...

### Communication and Language and Literacy

This half term we will be developing our listening skills and widening our vocabulary. We will be starting Phase 2 phonics, following the Twinkl Scheme, where we will learn to recognise the sounds and begin to blend them to start reading. In English we will be completing activities based on the book *We're Going To Find The Monster* by Malorie Blackman and Dapo Adeola. We will be learning to write letters accurately and learning to write our name. We will also try to use the sounds we have learnt to write some simple words.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be thinking about settling into school and building relationships with new friends and teachers. We will be supporting children to understand and follow the class and school rules and become familiar with the daily routine. We will complete the topic 'Look What I Can Do', which focuses on understanding rules and we will begin the topic 'Positive Relationships', which promotes discussions about the special people in our lives and how to make friends. We will also develop our understanding of different feelings.

### Physical Development

In our PE lessons on Mondays we will have outside sports coaches come in to develop our ball skills. In our Thursday PE lessons we will be developing our ability to play games, follow instructions and take turns. We will be doing some fine motor skill activities, such as Dough Disco, to build up hand strength and coordination, which will help us with our writing. We will also promote gross motor and fine motor skills in our outdoor classroom.

### Mathematics

In maths this half term we will start by learning to match, sort and compare different objects. We will then learn how to compare different measurements, such as size and capacity and learn to create patterns. Next we will develop our understanding of the numbers 1, 2 and 3, by learning to recognise the numeral and subitise an amount. Then we will learn to identify and describe circles and triangles.

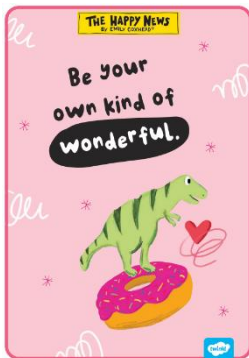
### Understanding the World

Our topic for this half term is Marvellous Me! We will have a different focus week which will allow us to build up vocabulary and have quality focused discussions. We will talk about ourselves, such as what we look like, who is in our family, where we live and what we like. In RE our topic is called 'Where do I belong?', where we will think about special events in our lives and the lives of others. We will also explore our Nature Reserve and engage in Forest School activities, such as creating pictures using natural materials, going on a minibeast hunt and searching for different colours in the local environment.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Our creative activities this half term will be linked to our topic Marvellous Me! We will be painting self-portraits, creating family pictures and learning how to represent emotions in drawings. We will also explore making 3D models and different ways in which we can join materials. We will develop our imagination through role-play starting with the home corner. This will then change to a supermarket and then a vets over the half term. In music we will learn to find the pulse of a piece of music and learn a range of songs.

### Thought of the term...



### How I can help my child at home

- Practise writing their own name.
- Practise writing the numbers from 0 – 10.
- Practise forming letters of the alphabet.
- Encourage your child to be independent in dressing themselves.

### Homework

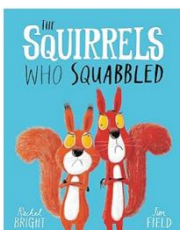
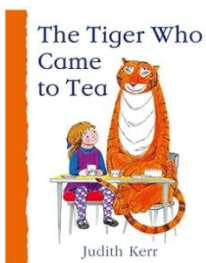
Next week your child will bring home a reading book. Please support us by reading with your child, ideally everyday, and commenting in the Reading Record.

You will also receive Log in details for the following websites/Apps:

- Purple Mash – activities will be assigned for you and your child to complete.
- Giglets – books will be assigned for you and your child to read together.
- Teach Your Monster to Read.

If you have any questions, please do come and ask Miss Muller or Mrs Healy.

### Reading Recommendations



### Dates to remember

PE will be on **Monday** and **Thursday**.

MacMillan Coffee morning – 26<sup>th</sup> September  
Individual school photos – 30<sup>th</sup> September

Dates for Show and Tell and Forest School will be sent out soon.

