

## Phonics and Handwriting

In Phonics this half term, we will be learning graphemes within the 'Phase 3' aspect of the Little Wandle phonic scheme. During this half term, we will learn vowel digraphs, such as ai, ee, oa, and trigraphs, such as igh and air. We will continue to use our growing phonic knowledge to read and write simple phrases and sentences.

In handwriting we will continue to practise picking up our pencil correctly using the 'three friends' group. We will be learning how to form letters from the Fisher family (y, f, g, j) and Slider family (v, w, x, z). We will review all letter trails before the end of term.

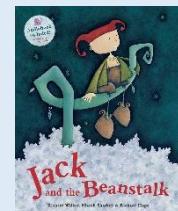
## Expressive Arts and Design

Our music sessions are all themed around 'Space' this term, where there are lots of opportunities for children to listen and respond to a variety of different styles of music. We will explore using instruments in time to the music. We will continue to use a range of tools to support our creative learning, including tweezers, rolling pins and scissors.

## Literacy

This half term we will be focussing on two main stories: Jack and the Beanstalk and Little Red Riding Hood. We will develop different literacy skills, such as making predictions, describing characters, retelling stories and role playing. We will learn new vocabulary and we will use this both during play and within writing.

We will continue to apply our growing phonic knowledge to read and write simple phrases and sentences, some containing tricky words. We will explore the roles of capital letters and full stops within sentences.

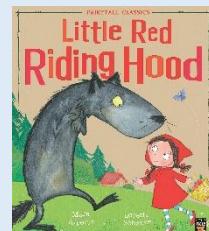


Jack and the Beanstalk

## Once upon a time...

### Spring |

Miss Knowles



Little Red Riding Hood

## Mathematical Development

This half term, we will start by reviewing our previous learning up to 5. We will recognise and order numbers from 1-5. Next, we will explore the relationships that each number has. For example, 1 more than 4 is 5. Next, we will explore partitioning numbers 5, 6 and 7. We will be able to represent 6 as '5 and a bit', and see that 5 and 2 makes 7. After that, we will begin to use the language 'more than' and 'fewer than' when describing sets of quantities.

We will be able to use the words 'an equal number' when there is the same number of items. Finally, we will identify, name and compare circles and triangles. We will identify these shapes within our classroom environment.

## Physical Development

During our PE lessons this half term, our topic is called "Dance". Throughout this unit we will be exploring creating movements related to different themes and moving in time with the music using counts of eight. We will continue to stay active by joining in with Go Noodle and Cosmic Kids Yoga.

We will continue to develop our fine and gross motor skills within the classroom too, both inside and outside. We will use equipment such as: tweezers, balance benches, scissors and skipping ropes within the environment.

## Understanding the World

We will begin our topic by exploring and recognising the signs of winter. We will discuss the types of clothing needed to stay warm! Next, we will explore plants and the process of growing plants, just like Jack and his beanstalk! We will identify the three key things that plants need to survive. We will even conduct an experiment ourselves! In RE we will be considering the question "What is special about our world?" Here we will observe nature and explore the creation story within different religions. Finally, we will learn about Chinese New Year. This year it is the year of the snake! We will read the traditional Chinese New Year story with the animals.