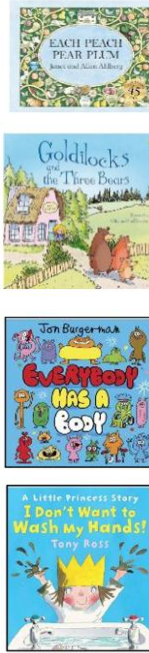


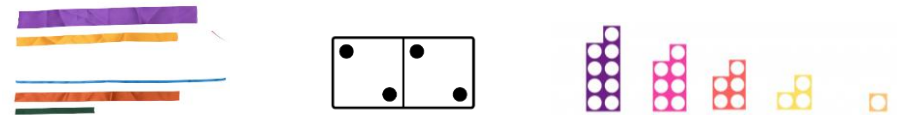
Literacy

Our first literacy unit this half term focuses on traditional tales. The children will learn about lots of different traditional tales, starting with the Three Little Pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk. Then the children will recreate their favourite story. Our second literacy unit is all about our amazing bodies. The children will learn how writing can inform their reader and the different features of information books. The children will use the song 'I've got a body' to help them to write a book about some of the amazing things their body can do.



Maths

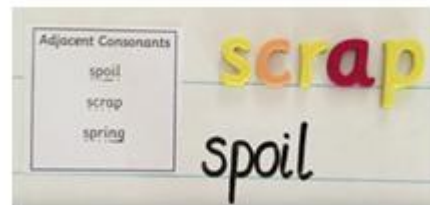
In our maths lessons this half term, the children will be introduced to doubling and odd and even numbers. They will see a range of familiar representations including dice and fingers to explore the idea of '2 equal parts', and then find the whole by combining these parts. After this, the children will learn about length, height and time. They will use the terms 'longer than' and 'shorter than' to compare length and 'tallest', 'shortest', 'taller' and 'shorter' to compare height. The children will also practise subitising to 6, focusing on different arrangements of dots.



Phonics

In phonics this term, the children will practise reading and writing words which have multiple syllables, for example: helicopter and desktop. We will also continue to practise reading and writing our own sentences. Please continue to practise your child's tricky words and sounds using their sound book and read their reading book with them daily.

To access our phonics videos to support your child at home, please visit the Curriculum tab on our website. From there, visit Phonics Videos and then Phase 4 Sounds.



Communication and Language

This term, This term we are focusing on developing our confidence when performing in front of people. We will be taking part in lots of drama lessons and retelling stories this term.

We will learn the skills needed for performing our pieces in front of the class. We will also be building up to writing our own stories to share with others after orally rehearsing these.

We will also continue to develop our conversational skills, developing our verbal explanations and using connecting words within our speech to extend our ideas.



Physical Development

Gross motor skills: Our PE lessons this half term will be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. One session is gymnastics where we will practice one-legged skills such as balancing and hopping. Our second session is athletics where we will practice running in different ways.



Fine motor skills: Pencil control and letter formation continue to be a focus this term. We will continue to have daily handwriting sessions, which will focus on capital letters and letter sizing. We will continue to reinforce to the children when it is appropriate to use capital letters within our writing.



Expressive Arts and Design

Art: We will be learning about a new artist this term called Wassily Kandinsky. We will practise our drawing skills and use tools to draw shapes and patterns. We will also learn about Kandinsky's 'Circles Composition'



Music: This half term, with Mrs Craven, pupils will be learning all about dynamics in music. They will listen to a fantastically dynamic and exciting song by the artist Björk, *It's Oh So Quiet*, and explore dynamics for using their bodies, voices and a range of instruments. Children will experiment creatively with using dynamics for dramatic effect, while also tuning their ears to recognise dynamic sounds in their everyday lives, both at home and at school.

Understanding the World

Linking to our literacy work, in our traditional tales topic, the children will listen to and retell different fairytales, act out characters, and develop their creativity through role play and storytelling. In 'Our Amazing Bodies', we will learn about how our bodies work, how to stay healthy, and the importance of looking after ourselves through exercise, nutrition, and hygiene.

In RE we will learn about what the Bible is and will read and act out Bible stories such as the Good Samaritan. We will consider the messages of the stories.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will begin a new PSHCE topic, Keeping Safe, in which we will consider some situations where we need to think about how to keep ourselves safe. We will think about simple safety rules for when we are at home, at school and out and about. We will also learn about the clues our bodies give us if

we are feeling unsafe. We will discuss who our trusted adults are and think about who could help us in different situations.

