

## English

Our focus continues with ensuring confidence using basic writing skills, such as: handwriting, capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will continue to encourage the children to make use of their phonics to spell words as well as learning high frequency tricky words. We will further our writing with the use of conjunctions to extend sentences. Our author for this half term is Allan Ahlberg - we will be focusing mainly on his book 'Funny Bones'. We will also link our writing to our history topic of toys; we will write a non-chronological report about our favourite toy!

## Computing

Our focus in computing this half term is spreadsheets. We will learn how to insert text, colours and images into the cells. Once images are inserted, we will explore how to move and lock those cells. We will make use of the spreadsheets ability to complete calculations for us.

## Science

We are learning all about plants in science at school. The children will plant their own sunflower seed and record its growth in their own Sunflower Diary. We will learn the names of some common garden and wild plants, as well as the different parts of plants and their uses. We will learn that there are two types of trees – evergreen and deciduous; we will walk around school to spot different types of trees by looking at the different shapes, sizes and colours of their leaves.

## Maths

This half term we will explore fractions of a shape, quantity and objects. We will look at halves and quarters. We will also be looking at time, paying attention to half past the hour and o'clock. We will use language such as before and after and will look at the days of the week. We will finish the half-term by beginning to explore place value within 100.

## PSHE/Music

In PSHE we will be looking at relationships – we will discuss and explore what it means to belong to a family, how we can be a good friend, people who help us and celebrating special relationships.

The song we will be looking at this half-term in our music lessons is called, "Your Imagination."

## Phonics

The children have worked hard to learn lots of new sounds so far this year. We will now look back at the sounds we have covered to build their confidence in spotting digraphs, trigraphs and split-digraphs in words as well as using the graphemes to spell words phonetically. We will also practice reading 'alien words' that include the sounds we are focusing on.

The children will continue to write their own sentences using the sounds we have learnt together to improve their confidence in composing a sentence.

## Curriculum Overview

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## History

Our topic this half term is toys! We will be exploring toys of the past going from the Victorian era to today. We will look at the similarities and differences of old and new toys. We will discuss how we know so much about the past and how we can find out information. The children will also get the opportunity to predict what the toys of the future may look like.

## PE

In PE this half-term we will be practising our athletic skills, paying particular attention to Sports Day themed activities. The children will develop their agility, balance and coordination skills, as well as being able to engage in competitive activities.

## Design and Technology

In DT the children will be learning how to sew and join fabrics using a running stitch. They will be designing and making their very own hand puppet. Once completed, the children will evaluate their own work and perform a short story to a small group.