### **Communication and Language**

This term our theme is 'Growing and Changing' and our author of the half term is Eric Carle. We will be inspired by a range of fiction texts as well as using non-fiction texts to answer questions that we have posed. We will learn and use new vocabulary related to life cycles and have a range of very special visitors! These experiences will allow us to practice using past, present and future tenses in our speech as we discuss what has happened and what we expect to happen next.

## Personal, Social, Emotional Development

This half term's Jigsaw theme is 'Relationships'. We will be looking at the key relationships in our lives and learning about families and the different roles people can have in a family. We will explore the friendships we have, what makes a good friend and how to mend a friendship.

#### Handwriting

We are really beginning to refine our handwriting style now. This half term we will be focusing on the size and spacing of our letters and checking that they are sitting in the correct position on the line.

# PE

In PE lessons we will be learning more about controlling a ball with our hands and hopefully taking our lessons outside in the spring sunshine!

#### **Phonics**

This half term, Phonics will continue to be taught daily in a dedicated session, along with a daily writing session. We have so far learnt how to represent all 42 sounds of the English language with at least one grapheme. Great work! We will now practise blending and segmenting longer and multi-syllabic words with adjacent consonants. No new sounds will be taught. We will be writing simple phrases and sentences in our lovely developing handwriting style and encouraging children to use letter names when writing digraphs and tricky words.

## Maths

We will continue to develop our maths skills through a daily Maths session, alongside varied opportunities throughout the day to apply these skills, including the popular Maths Challenge! We will work on our subitising skills this half term, learning when it is appropriate to count or to subitise. We will continue to develop confidence and accuracy in verbal and object counting and explore the composition of numbers up to 10.

We hope you can join us for our Maths curriculum session on:

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm



## RE

This half term we will be thinking about 'Special Books'. We will explore and talk about books that are special to us, such as those that have been given as a gift, books that are special to our class or school and books that are special to lots of people, such as the Bible or Qur'an.

# **Understanding the World**

We continue to look for signs of spring and will compare this with other seasons of the year. We will learn about the lifecycles of chicks, butterflies and frogs as part of our 'Growing and Changing' theme. We will also take part in some 'unplugged' computer science activities, when we put our computational thinking to the test!

# **Expressive Arts and Design**

Looking closely at the illustrations of Eric Carle, we will be experimenting with colour and colour mixing in more detail. We will use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques and explain the process we have used.