

In **English** we will improve and expand our knowledge of phonics, supported by our Traditional Tales topic for this term, which has a strong reading and writing focus. In retelling *The Enormous Turnip*, *The Gingerbread Man*, *The Three Little Pigs* and *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* we shall consider each tales' characteristics and use them to extend our own sentence writing. This will also help us improve our handwriting and punctuation (e.g. capital letters, full stops and finger spaces between words). Much of our learning will be reinforced through links across subject areas. Next half term we will also learn about Famous People from the past who have contributed to our country.

In **Art**, we will focus on patterns in our observational drawings of vegetables (e.g. turnips) and make clay sculptures. We will make gingerbread men and sew felt templates to develop our fine motor skills. After half term we will focus on the work of L.S. Lowry.



In **Science** we shall discuss, identify, label and record the materials we spot in the classroom, along with their properties (e.g. rough/smooth, flat/bumpy, sharp/blunt). We shall also build the Three Little Pigs' homes and test out our predictions of their strength and durability.

Within **PSHE** we shall be exploring our unique identities (e.g. what makes us special and 'us'). In looking at the similarities and differences between us, we will learn to consider and respect the needs and views of others. Later in the term we will learn about our amazing bodies and talk through some basic hygiene routines (e.g. using a tissue to blow our nose) which can prevent the spread of germs. Next half term we shall also learn about drugs and many household substances, along with how to stay safe.

In **Maths** we continue our number work by focusing on place value (addition and subtraction within 50) as well as describing and comparing length and height. You can help at home by using the vocabulary 'taller, shorter, longest' etc. when describing measurements. Your child can also practise their counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

This term, in **P.E.**, we shall be developing our gymnastic skills and learning how to keep fit and healthy.

In **Music**, the children will use instruments to respond to a traditional tale and focus on learning about duration.

Within **Computing** we shall develop our research skills and continue to use the laptops and iPads to enhance our learning across the curriculum.

In **R.E.** we will continue to learn about Incarnation. Closer to Easter, we will look at the resurrection of Jesus and the theme of 'Salvation' leading up to this. Our whole school Christian values will be 'courage' and then 'forgiveness'.