

Literacy

This half term we will continue to develop a life-long love of reading. We will share more stories and poems considering what it means to be an author and illustrator. We will focus on talking about stories demonstrating our familiarity and understanding. We will begin our topic by enjoying the story "Owl Babies".

We will strengthen our writing skills using our phonic knowledge to write short captions and phrases.

We will continue following our phonics scheme and begin learning phase 3 sounds.

Understanding the World



We will investigate the environment and its changes through the day and the year including phenomena, such as day and night and how weather can affect the way their environment appears. We will explore darkness and the absence of light and learn about nocturnal animals.

Communication and Language



This half term will increase our use of new vocabulary and continue to articulate ideas and thoughts using full sentences. We will also begin to connect our idea or action to another using a range of new connectives.

Physical Development



We will continue our daily Dough Disco to strengthen fine motor skills to support writing skill.

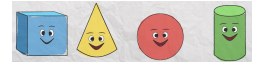
Gross motor skills will be supported in our fantastic outdoor environment, through building, water play, tree climbing and with Mr Slaney in weekly PE sessions which will focus on fundamental moving skills.

Physical Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will talk about the different factors that support health and wellbeing including:

- regular physical activity
- healthy eating
- toothbrushing
- having a good sleep routine

Maths



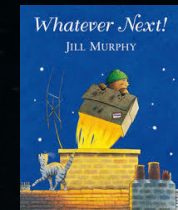
We are now beginning our learning on 2D and 3D shapes. We will consider their properties and develop suitable mathematic language to describe them. We will also build on our number fluency using numbers to 5, including number bonds to 5.

Religious Education



This half term will continue to focus on Christianity and the importance of Christmas which we will celebrate in our school Nativity.

Stary Night



This project explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will take time to observe our natural environment, exploring the seasonal changes and making observational drawings of plants and animals. We will also explore and engage in music making and dance, performing as a class in our school Nativity.