

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

This half term we will be thinking about 'Me and my world'. This will include exploring who looks after us and our school, as well the people who live and work in our neighbourhood.

### **Physical Development**

In our PE lesson every Friday with Mr Slaney we will develop our gymnastic skills of jumping, rolling and balancing, Every Tuesday afternoon we will go swimming at Loughborough Leisure Centre.

### **Mathematics**

In our maths lessons this half term we will deepen our understanding of numbers to 5 before moving on to exploring the composition of numbers 6, 7 and 8. This will then lead us on to thinking about odd and even numbers as well as doubling numbers to 8. We will also have the opportunity to explore and compare mass and capacity.

### **R.E.**

Our big question in RE this half term is 'Being special: Where do we belong?'. In thinking about this question we will consider which groups some religious people belong to and how we show people they are welcome.

# Starry Night

Our topic in the Hedgehog class this half term is 'Starry night' This topic 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, including finding out about nocturnal animals.

### **Forest school**

During our regular Friday afternoon forest school session we will be looking for signs of winter, as well as making bird feeders and building dens.

### **Literacy**

In our phonics lessons we will continue to learn the Phase 3 sounds and tricky words and consolidate our previous learning during our daily phonics sessions. During our mark making and writing sessions we will focus on applying our phonic knowledge to writing simple sentences where we will begin to use capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will also practice reading and writing the tricky words we have been learning.

In reading we will continue to follow the Little Wandle scheme to deliver daily group reading sessions, that allow the children to practice decoding words, reading with expression and developing comprehension.

During our daily story time sessions and literacy inputs we will be reading the lots of new and familiar books including 'Whatever next' 'Owl babies' and 'How to catch a star'

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

This half term we will be exploring different shades of colours and what we need to add to them to make them lighter or darker. In DT we will explore the different materials we could use to make and stuff our cuddle pets before making them. In music we will be exploring rhythm through play and how it is different to pulse.

### **Understanding the World**

Over the coming weeks we will explore why it is dark at night, and nocturnal animals and their special features. Towards the end of the term we will move on to thinking about space, the moon and stars. Along side this we will look at seasonal changes and think about winter, why it is cold and where it is cold.