

## Summer Term 1 2021

### **COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE**

This half term the focus will be on story telling and we will use 'Helicopter Stories' to develop the children's skills in this. There will be lots of opportunity for role play and the children will have access to lots of props to support their speaking skills. The role play area will include a hat shop. We will continue to work on answering 'how' and 'why' questions.

### **LITERACY**

We will continue consolidating the children's knowledge of the Set 2 sounds and concentrate on using these in reading and spelling. The children will read the Read, Write, Inc books twice a week with an adult. Our writing will link to our topics and we will continue to learn how to spell some of the common exception words such as 'the', 'to', 'he', 'she' etc. We will be writing simple stories using some key story language.

### **UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD**

We will start this half term by exploring the season of Summer and comparing to other seasons. The children will think about times they might spend with their families in the summer. They will then explore forces such as pushing and pulling (linked to The Enormous Turnip and making a pulley system for The Lighthouse Keeper). The children will explore lighting bulbs for the lighthouse.

### **PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

This half term we will be using some SCARF materials that focus on 'Being my Best' which will focus on healthy eating, exercise and sleep. The children will also cover a unit on 'Looking After Money'. There will be a continued focus on making up games as a group, including games with rules. As we approach the end of term the children will have the chance to explore their feelings around the transition to Year 1.

**Tell Me a Story**  
The Enormous Turnip  
Millie's Marvellous Hat  
The Lighthouse  
Keeper's Lunch

### **EXPLORING MEDIA & MATERIALS**

The children will have the opportunity to create narratives in the role play area and with small world toys, including summer scenes. We will have lots of opportunities to make models; including lighthouses and hats. The children will use 'Fabulous Fun and Summer Sun' from BBC radio to explore songs and music. There will be lots of opportunities to paint and collage.

### **PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT**

We will continue to work on developing both gross and fine motor control. We will continue to work on developing core strength and will use the climbing apparatus. Correct letter formation will continue to be a focus. PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The children will talk about keeping safe in the summer and think about packing a healthy lunch for the Lighthouse Keeper.

### **MATHS**

This half term we will continue our work on numbers to 20 and beyond, using tens frames and numicon. We will continue to use Numberblocks, supported by the NCEMT resources. The children will be adding and taking away, and solve problems including doubling, halving and sharing. They will have opportunities to use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

This half term the children will look at the topic 'Life to the Full' from the Diocese planning. We will start by thinking about how we can be a good friend. Then the children will talk about how people might try to be like Jesus, especially thinking about how we can help others. We will also be learning about Judaism and thinking about prayer. The class will complete a unit from 'Journey in Love'.