



## Maths

This term we will be focusing on Shape, Space Measure and Time. We will be learning to:

- Estimate, order compare, discuss and explore capacity, weight and lengths
- Describe and sort 2D shapes using the words side, edge vertex and vertices.
- Describe and sort 3D shapes using the words side, edge vertex and vertices.
- Find describe and sort 2D and 3D shapes in the 'real world'.
- Describe the position of things accurately using the correct preposition (in, under, on, behind etc.)
- Learn the days of the week and months of the year in order.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- We will be talking about our bedtime routines and the similarities and differences between them.
- Through circle times, we will talk about our fears and worries (e.g. fear of the dark) and learn strategies to help us be brave.
- In our 'MindUp' lessons, we will continue to explore the parts of our brain and how they affect how we will feel.

## Physical Development

- In our outdoor area, we will be learning to use the bikes and trikes safely and with confidence, develop our building skills through den building and building obstacle courses.
- In P.E. lessons, we will continue to practise our Zumba routines with Miss Sira and explore shapes we can make with our bodies with Mrs Hardingham.
- We are starting to practice writing our letters correctly, using a tripod pencil grip, in Phonics and e flow.



## Understanding of the World

We will be exploring the question below through our afternoon lessons and free flow. We will learn about the following topics:

- Why we use lights at night and the difference between a light source and a reflective material.
- The story of Diwali and how it is celebrated throughout the world
- How shadows are made
- The phases of the moon
- Nocturnal animals
- The Nativity Story

## This half term we are answering: **What Happens at Night?**



## Expressive Art and Design

- In singing, we will continue our lessons with a music specialist from Ark.
- We will continue to develop our instrument skills through learning the recorder.
- We sing a range of songs and perform poems and rhymes daily, to develop our listening, attention and awareness of rhythm.
- We will be performing a nativity! Look out for a letter soon with the details!

## Literacy

- We will continue to learn stories by heart, to widen our vocabulary and awareness of sentence structures and rhythm. This term will be learning 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell and 'Five Minutes Peace' by Jill Murphy.
- We are continuing our daily Phonics lessons and are learning how to blend written sounds into words. Please keep using the Speed Sound books at home and check out the new Seesaw Phonics groups which will give you weekly links to practise at home. Finally, please do enjoy reading the books that go home each Friday and ensure that they are returned each Thursday.

## Communication and Language

Through free flow, circle times, small group work and everyday conversation we will be learning to:

- listen and talk and ask questions (why, what, when, how?) in 1:1 or a small group adding to and maintaining dialogue
- talk about understanding of experiences or events
- ask questions so that needs are met (e.g. for resources/to play/express opinion)
- join in and anticipate key rhymes /repetition /events in stories
- tell own stories speaking clearly and generally grammatically accurately

## Additional Dates

- Diwali Day: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – more information to follow
- After-school night time experience: 1<sup>st</sup> December – more information to follow
- Nativity – date TBC

