

## Communication and language



We will be developing our language throughout our busy bee time based on our role play areas. Each class will have their role play based around a well-known story.

We will also be starting 'Chatterbox' this half term where a child from each class will be chosen weekly to bring some special things in from home to share with the class – please look out for a letter in your child's bookbag.

## Physical Development



In PE the children will be learning how to control a ball with their hands and feet. This half term we have a PE specialist working alongside the class Teacher to help develop our ball skills.

## Personal, social and emotional development



Our Jigsaw puzzle piece this half term is focussing on 'dreams and goals.' If you would like more information on Jigsaw please ask. Jigsaw is delivered on a Monday afternoon

## English



The children will now be settled into their phonics groups. Some children will be recapping the single sounds and learning to blend while others will focus on reading simple phrases. We will now have daily literacy sessions to focus on handwriting and writing CVC words and simple phrases. Please ask your child's class teacher if you would like more information. Gruffalo words will continue to go home each week – please revise these regularly and look for them in your reading books.

## Mathematics



This half term we will start with a focus on 2D shapes and then move on to learning about addition. We will finish the half term exploring number bonds.

## Expressive arts and design



This half term we will be exploring colour mixing and painting with a purpose. We will also be experimenting with clay to create our own alien.

## Understanding of the world

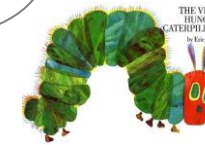


We will be learning about the world around us with a focus on changing seasons and our planet. We will also be conducting our own geographical fieldwork. For RE, we will be exploring stories Jesus told this half term. We will also be experimenting with ice on particularly cold days.

# Year R

## Take a look inside a book

### January-February 2025



### Ways you can help your child with literacy:

- Read with your child at least 3 times a week.
- Practise saying the sounds and writing the correct letter formation.
- Use the word time sheet to practise blending sounds to read words.
- Have a look for sounds you can see when you are out and about!

### Ways you can help your child with numeracy:

- Have fun with numbers at home.
- Try the Topmarks and LCF maths websites at home.

### Parent and carers' information:

- PE is now on a Monday afternoon.
- Reading book changes are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Thank you for your continued support...

Sparrows Class: Miss Daniels, Mrs Russell, Miss Pryke and Mrs Pounds

Starlings Class: Miss Smees, Mrs Vickery-Sales and Mrs Smith

Year R ELSA: Mrs Russell