

SPARKS – Local area walks

As Communicators we will continue to build on the skills we developed during the Autumn Term.

We will practise articulating our thoughts and ideas in well-formed sentences and we will develop our use of connectives in speech.

We will describe events in detail and use talk to help work out problems and organise our thinking.

We will listen to and talk about stories, developing a familiarity with them in order to be able to retell them. We will engage with non-fiction books to develop new knowledge and vocabulary.

In PSED we will explore the topic of **'Dreams & Goals'**.

We will think about challenges that we face and about how we can overcome them.

We will learn about the concept of resilience and perseverance and we will set ourselves goals.

We will learn about it is important to ask for help when we need it, and we will explore how it feels to achieve a goal.

As Readers and Writers we will be linking our literacy with our topic and exploring books relating to our experiences. Our key texts will be 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'.

We will be introducing the children to the phase 3 sounds, and we will use these to read and write simple words and sentences. We will focus on writing the sounds we can hear in words.

We will have opportunities to make marks and write independently, and we will take part in teacher led writing activities.

Our World

As Mathematicians we will be developing our understanding of what numbers are. We will consolidate our understanding of numbers 1-5, and we will learn to read, order, count and manipulate numbers 6-10.

We will be reinforcing the concepts of more and less, and the same and different. We will learn to add and subtract using practical apparatus. We will be developing our skills in subitising and using this to begin to learn number bonds.

We will be comparing and sorting, and further developing our understanding of things that are different or the same.

In developing our Understanding of the World we will be learning about our local environment.

We will look at and compare our homes, exploring the materials they are made from. We will look at the physical features of our area and we will explore how it has changed over time.

We will think about the weather we experience and how this changes during the year. We will learn about why it is important to look after our environment and we will explore how we can do this.

As part of our Physical Development we will be developing our fine motor skills and practising letter and number formation.

We will be developing our gymnastic skills, including balancing, climbing and jumping from apparatus.

Through Expressive Arts and Design we will be exploring a wide variety of media and materials. We will work independently to make our own creations, and we will follow instructions to develop specific skills.

We will be developing our imaginative play by engaging in role play and small world play. We will be singing familiar songs and learning new ones.