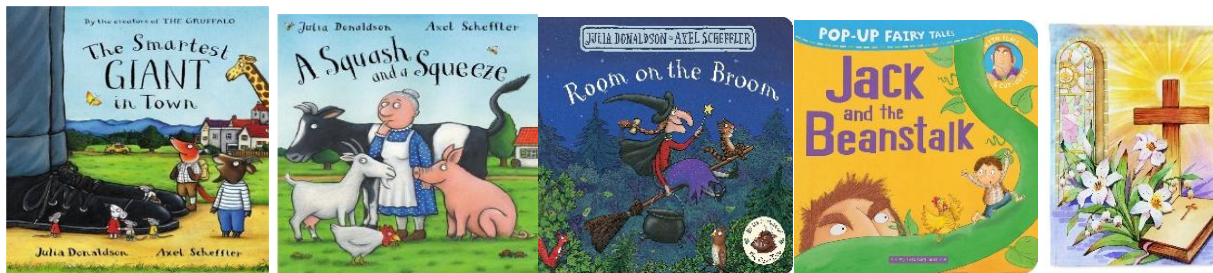


Key texts and topics.

This half term we will be reading a selection of stories written by Julia Donaldson and we will be planting beans and seeds when we read Jack and the Beanstalk as we move towards Spring. We will be learning all about Springtime and how the seasons change. We will be learning all about what beans need in order to grow and we will be learning about the Easter Story with Reverend Tracy from St John's Church. We will also be exploring the celebrations of Ramadan and Holi as part of our RE work and we will be learning about which places are special to our community.



P.S.E.D. and SCARF

We will be settling back in to nursery after the holidays and we will talk about what we have been doing over the half term break. We will continue to develop relationships with our friends and teachers as well as building our self esteem and confidence. We will continue learning to share and take turns and have a go at problem solving. We will continue to think about our feelings and the feelings of others as well as always considering how we can be a good friend.

We will be learning about how we can be our best in our Scarf work and we will continue to explore the key themes of the My Happy Mind programme.

Physical Development

We will continue to develop our independence and self care skills with using the toilet confidently as well as practising fastening the zips on our coats and putting our own shoes and jumpers on. We will be using lots of writing tools as we develop our pencil grip as well as using different tools such as pipettes, tweezers, brushes, scissors and hole punchers. We will continue with our Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle movement programme as we learn to move our bodies in a range of ways carefully and competently. We will continue to practice writing our name regularly and we will be developing our early writing skills as we mark make for a range of purposes in the different areas of provision in nursery.

Communication and Language

We will continue to sing lots of nursery rhymes daily and we will be developing our communication and language as we interact lots with our teachers and with our friends in our play. We will be learning lots of new vocabulary to do with growth and springtime. We will continue to develop our ability to have a conversation with our teachers and friends, sharing and taking turns as well as developing our negotiating skills. We will be developing understanding by asking who, what, where and why questions to the children.



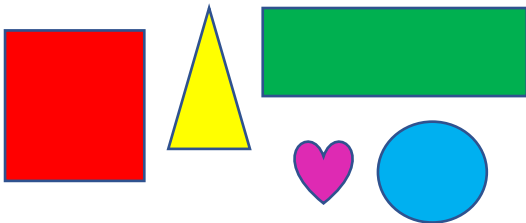
We will be singing lots of rhymes and songs as well as listening to stories that rhyme.

We will be learning to spot and suggest rhyming words as well as clapping out syllables in words.

We will be learning a different sound each week as well as blending the sounds we hear to make words.

Maths

We will continue to sing lots of counting rhymes as well as developing our ability to count objects carefully and accurately. We will be exploring patterns as well as taking and giving 1, 2 and 3. We will be exploring different amounts of dots in our number work as well as exploring different 2d and 3d shapes. We will continue to develop our ability to count to 10 forwards and backwards.



Understanding the World

We will be learning about Ramadan, Holi and Easter this term where we will learn how people celebrate these Spring festivals. We will continue to develop positive attitudes towards different people. We will be learning about growing as we plant seeds and watch our plants grow over time. We will be learning about how to care for our plants as well as learning about seasonal changes as we move towards Spring.



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be singing lots of songs and rhymes as well as playing instruments in a range of ways. We will be drawing with a range of tools as well as using different materials to make models and join materials together. We will be developing our imagination in the home corner and with the small world people and animals as we join in with pretend play, acting out stories and scenarios with our friends. We will be drawing and painting daffodils and blossom as we move towards Spring time and we will be doing lots of colour mixing with powder paint when we learn all about the festival Holi.

How you can help your child at home

Please take a story home each week and read these every night to your child. By the end of the week your child should be able to read the story back to you which would be amazing! Please encourage your child to get dressed themselves as well as fastening the zips on their coat. Count as much as you can with your child and sing the rhyme of the week that we send home. Go on a shape hunt and talk about the shapes that you can find. Ask your child to give you a word that rhymes with.... and see if they can independently count out the number of syllables in a word. Please help your child with their toileting skills as they develop their independence with self care. You could also encourage your child to draw with a range of tools to help develop their pencil grip as well as practising to write their name.

