

## PSHE/RE

This half term's focus is 'Celebrating Difference'. We will be learning about:

- What am I good at?
- I'm special, I'm me
- Families
- Houses and Homes
- Making Friends
- Standing up for yourself

We will also be learning all about the Christmas story.

## Literacy

We will be introducing our topic of 'Our Heroes' through the text 'A Superhero Like You'. We will be looking at a number of non-fiction texts about different occupations and looking at the differences between fiction and non-fiction. Our writing focus this half term is writing for a purpose and we are going to be writing a list for Christmas.

## Understanding the world

Occupations

We will be learning about different occupations. We will be focusing on our heroes from the pandemic and learning the roles and responsibilities of these people. We will be having a visit from our local firefighters.

## Maths

During our Maths sessions, we will be focusing on the 5 principles of counting. We will be counting objects up to 5 accurately and saying how many there are in a set. We will also be learning the number 1 and practicing our subitising.

We will also be learning about repeated patterns.

## Communication and language

We will focus on building the children's confidence to join in during group times by playing a series of games and activities. We want the children to be able to contribute and use their voice in front of their peers. We also want the children to listen to others. This will help to focus the children's listening and attention skills, in order to follow simple commands.

## Music

This half term's focus for music:

- For children to focus on and develop their listening skills
- Children to learn some simple songs by heart and be able to sing confidently in a group and on their own
- Recognise and broadly control changes in timbre, tempo, pitch and dynamics, when playing instruments and vocally

## Physical Development

We will be focusing on the children doing big and small movements to improve fine and gross motor skills. We will be starting dough disco and daily tricky fingers activities to improve pencil grip. In our PE sessions, we will be continuing our work with ball skills and our abilities to change speed and direction.

## Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will be building the children's ability to independently access the easel with paint.

We will be exploring paint, using fingers and other parts of the children's bodies, as well as brushes and other tools.

We will create closed shapes with continuous lines, and begin to use these shapes to represent objects.

**Nursery**  
**Our Heroes**