

### **PSHE/RE**

This half term in PSHE, children will learn how to build positive friendships, including how to make friends, include others, and treat people with respect. They will also explore how to manage friendship challenges, understand what makes a good relationship, and develop ways to cope with their own feelings when they feel upset.

### **Literacy**

Our story focus for this half term will be *The Hungry Caterpillar*. We will be reading this story, sequencing and verbalising the story. Our writing focus for this half term is to write an invitation. We will be having a healthy eating party at the end of the topic and the children will be writing an invitation to a friend. We are also going to be talking a sentence with the children and looking at what a sentence is.

### **Understanding the world**

We are going to be continuing our work on plants and looking at the life cycle of a plant. We are then going to look at the life cycle of a butterfly. We have some caterpillars joining our Nursery. We are then going to look at food, where food comes from, food groups and healthy eating. At the end of this topic, we will be having a healthy eating party.

### **Maths**

This half term in maths, children will develop their understanding of sequencing through activities like nursery rhymes and daily routines. They will also explore positional language, compare quantities using more and fewer, and begin to recognise and describe both 2D and 3D shapes



### **Communication and language**

This half term, children will develop their communication and language skills by learning to follow simple instructions and answer questions about stories. They will be encouraged to join in with repeated phrases during story time and to use vocabulary linked to familiar people and objects in their everyday lives.

### **Music**

In this unit children will explore the differences between singing and speaking through a range of songs. They will create new verses to songs, add actions moving to a steady beat and add sound effects considering the sound of an instrument. Children will expand on their understanding of pulse and rhythm using voice, body percussion and instruments. Children will listen to a variety of music, making comparisons and expressing opinions on likes and dislikes.

### **Physical Development**

In this unit children will develop their ball skills through the topic of 'minibeasts'. Children will develop fundamental ball skills such as rolling and receiving a ball, throwing to a target, bouncing and catching, dribbling with feet and kicking a ball. Children will be able to develop their fine and gross motor skills through a range of game play using a variety of equipment. Children will be given opportunities to work independently and with a partner.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

This half term we will be connecting our art and design with our topic of 'Understanding Our World'. We will be looking at the different patterns and shapes on butterflies. We will be creating some butterfly patterns and discussing symmetry.

Alongside learning about food, we will be learning all about the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. We are going to be focusing on the different fruit and vegetables he used and try to recreate one of his famous pieces.