

Terrific Tales

Caterpillar and Ladybird Classes

In **Literacy** we will be teaching the children how to apply their phonics skills to read 'The Cat on the Mat' together. We will also learn the traditional tales of Little Red Riding Hood, The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man. We will also be learning the modern story of The Gruffalo. Our Author focus for this half term will be Nicholas Allan.

PE - In PE the children will be developing their expressive movements through dance. They will explore traveling actions, shapes and balances. They will also be given the opportunity to copy, repeat and remember actions and use counting to help them keep in time with music.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development - The children will learn about managing their feelings and behaviour in circle time and relaxation time. Our PSHE circle time sessions will focus on 'Celebrating Differences' through:-

- What am I good at?
- I'm Special, I'm Me!
- Families
- Houses and Homes
- Making Friends
- Standing up for Yourself.

'Smart Thinking' will also be used to tackle a variety of social scenarios.

For **Expressive Arts and Design**, we will be developing the children's dexterity in the use of tools (scissors, sticky tape dispensers and glue sticks) and helping them to learn how to join materials together.

We will also be looking at the artwork of Jackson Pollock and working in groups to make our own large-scale painting reproducing his distinctive style!

Understanding World - The children will be learning about the hibernation of some animals during colder months and the historical figure of Guy Fawkes. We will also be looking at the seasonal change of autumn into winter.

For Computing the children will be accessing age-appropriate programs through laptops and tablets.

Stunning Starter – Enjoy an improvisation of Little Red Riding Hood.

Marvellous Middle – Encouraging thoughtfulness towards other with the support of our Kindness Elves during advent.

Fantastic Finish – Performing a dance in the Infant Nativity service.

For our **maths** we will be:

- Comparing numbers up to 5. Thinking about how they are represented in different ways, what the numerals look like, 1 more and 1 less and the composition of numbers e.g. 5 can be seen as 3 and 2. Please note that these will be taught pictorially and not in written sums.
- Introducing the shapes of circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides.

In **RE** we will be exploring 'What do religious stories teach us?' Through this we will be finding out about sacred texts and exploring stories that appear within them all, discussing the similarities and differences.

