Communication and Language

This term we will be working really hard on our listening skills and we will be encouraged to ask and answer questions. When we do this we will speak in full sentences and we will always try and use the correct tenses e.g. played, playing and play. We will also learn lots of new vocabulary and try and use it whenever we can. We will continue to share books through daily story time and will retell our favourite stories using our own words, we might even surprise you and change the endings of our favourite stories. Our stories this half term are 'The little red hen' 'The three Billy goats gruff', 'Supertato' and 'Mabel's magical garden'. We will bring our books home every day this term and will be bringing home a library book weekly. Please read with your child daily and practise reading and writing the tricky words that are on the weekly message on the class pages.

Phonics

We will continue to explore our Phase 4 phoncs with consonant clusters, multi syllabic words and karate chops! We will then move on to Phase 5 of Animaphonics where we will revise our digraphs and be introduced to alternative digraphs. We will continue to write simple sentences writing words using the sounds we know -we call these our SUPER SENTENCES and we will learn lots of rainbow words-these are words that you need to learn because you can't sound them out.

Literacy Development

We will continue to apply our phonics knowledge when we write the initial sound in a word, a CVC word or a simple sentence. If we are really confident when we write a SUPER SENTENCE we will start having a go at writing longer pieces of work and will use sentences that have tricky words in them. We will talk about capital letters, finger spaces and full stops and we shall listen to our sentence to see if it makes sense. This term we will also be focussing on ensuring our pencil grips are correct and that our letters are formed correctly. <u>Our Curriculum</u> <u>Overview</u> <u>Summer 2024</u> <u>Reception</u>



<u>Maths</u>

This term is going to be a very busy term in Maths! We will be counting on and back from numbers up to 10 and then 20 and will then be adding and taking away by counting on (adding) or counting back (taking away). We shall learn our doubling facts and will learn how to share amounts equally. We will explore grouping, odds and even numbers and will deepen our understanding of patterns and reasoning linked to shape.

Understanding the World

We will be exploring the changing seasons this half term and will watch how the weather and our environment changes during the seasons of Spring and Summer. We will also be exploring the theme of growing and we are hoping to start growing strawberries, beans and sunflowers. We will also be finding out about a diverse range of significant people from the past and will be talking about our own aspirations when we talk about what we want to be when we grow up.

RE-Learning and growing as the people of God

Our RE units this term are Easter, Pentecost, People Who Help Us and Prayer. <u>Easter:</u> In this unit we will learn about the story of Easter and the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We will be introduced to the "Alleluia" as a special Easter song and the symbol of the Easter Candle.

<u>Pentecost:</u> In this unit we will explore the story of Pentecost and the transformation in their lives after receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit.

People who help us: We will learn some things about the work of the priest and understand that the church building is a special place. We will identify some artefacts in the church and recall a few features from the celebration of Mass. We will learn how Jesus helps other people and know that people follow Jesus today by the way they live.

Prayer: In this unit we will learn about some of the reasons why Christians pray. We will learn about some styles of prayer and be able to reflect on some of our experiences of prayer during the school year.

Physical Development

In PE lessons this term we will be working on our body strength, co-ordination, balance and agility and will be learning to jump and land safely from a height the same as self. We will practise rolling in different ways and will use balancing and climbing apparatus to move under, over, through and around.

PE will be on a Thursday this term so please wear PE kits to school each Thursday.