

YEAR GROUP: Reception

DATE: January 2024

TIME ALLOCATION: Spring 1

TEACHERS: Miss O'Connor & Miss Byers

Literacy

This half-term, we will be reading lots of stories to support us with our understanding of people who help us. We will start by sharing 'The Smartest Giant In Town' and gain an understanding of what he does to help others and what we can do to help our friends. We will then write a kind note to our friends. We will also be looking at stories including 'A Princess Called Diana' and finding out how she helped others.

Maths

In maths we will be using concrete materials to explore the composition of 1 to 10. We will use a range of representations to explore this. We will also be exploring zero.

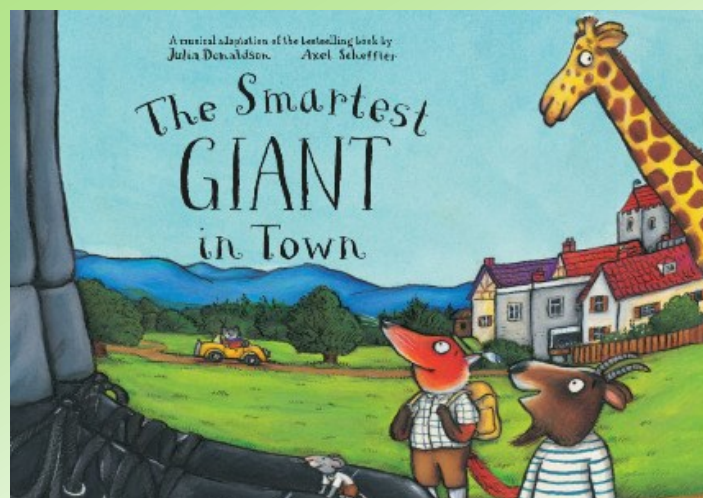
We will also be practising our counting beyond 20.

Understanding the World

Over this half term we will be discussing different people who help us. We will get the opportunity to meet the people in different roles who help us in our daily lives.

We will also be exploring winter and looking at different climates around the world.

Me and My World of Heroes



WHY?

We will be learning about different people's roles and how they help us each day. This will allow us to be able to understand the importance of different roles in the society and how everyone is unique.

It will also provide us with plenty of opportunities to ask questions, build relationships and respect others.

WOW:

We will be meeting different people who help us.

OUTCOME:

The children will understand the roles of different people we meet who help us in our daily lives.

Communication and Language

This half term, we will be developing our listening skills. We will be listening carefully to our stories, answering questions about what has happened. We will have the opportunity to think of our own questions to ask different people who help us.

In phonics, we will continue to learn a range of new phonemes and will be applying this in our independent

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be looking at how we can be a good friend and how to make others feel welcome. We will also use this opportunity to discuss feelings and see how our actions effect other peoples' feelings.

We will be sharing kind notes with our friends.

Physical Development

This term, Reception will be looking at how Chinese New Year is celebrated and we will be creating our own dragon dance.

We will have lots of opportunities to practise our gross and fine motor skills during PE and Forest School. We will also be using our funky fingers to move letters to make our names.

Expressive Arts and Design

In EAD, we will be exploring what happens when we mix different colours. We will be looking at what happens when we add white to a colour.

We will also be building our own small world winter habitats by selecting materials carefully.

Finally, we will be learning a poem to help with washing our hands.

SMSC

We will be particularly focusing on manners and thinking about other people's needs over the course of this topic. We will also be exploring protected characteristics.

BRITISH VALUES

We will be finding out about respect for others as well as incorporating ideas about why we have rules, deciding things together and why it's OK to have different ideas.

TOPIC HOMEWORK

Children will receive a new reading book every Thursday to read at home.

ASSESSMENT

In the Early Years, we assess children continuously by observing what they do, talking to them about their thinking and looking at the work that they produce.