Topic Overview
EYFS

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Marvellous Me	Celebrations	What a wonderful world	Amazing Animals	Living and Growing	Holidays and Travel

Our termly Topics are broad and flexible to cater for the unique learners in our school. We aim to build resilient, capable, confident and self-assured learners and will follow their passions wherever possible to achieve these outcomes.

Marvellous Me

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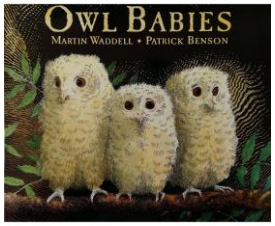
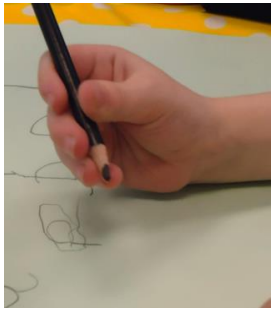




Areas of Learning	
Communication and Language	The children will be encouraged to be good listeners and to follow simple instructions, but also to contribute to discussions about, for example, their favourite things, feelings and to join in with nursery rhymes.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	This half term the children will begin to form new friendships and learn how to share and care for others, including exploring their emotions. We will also be establishing boundaries and routines.
Physical Development	The children will begin to understand about healthy living (e.g. eating and sleeping). They will also be encouraged to explore mark-making using a range of media.
Literacy	The children will take part in regular story time sessions with key texts. They will enjoy phonics games together and will begin to explore mark-making.
Mathematics	The children will begin to explore numbers, patterns, matching, sorting and comparing.
Understanding the World	The children will be encouraged to talk about their own family life and learn about what makes them unique. They will learn about people who help us in school and at home. We will be learning about where food comes from and bake bread hedgehogs.
Expressive Arts and Design	The children will be guided to create their own self-portraits as well as performing a song in our Harvest assembly.

Marvellous Me

Key Questions

How do you feel today?

What do you think happens next?

Who helps us at home and at school? How do they help?

What sound do you hear?

What can you see?

Who lives in your family?

Key Concepts

<u>Literacy – Phonemes and Graphemes</u>

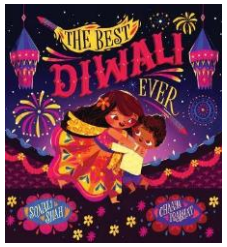
A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in speech, or the sound that we hear when words are said aloud. A grapheme is the written representation of the sound.

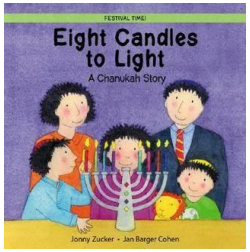
<u>Understanding the World– Where does our food come from?</u>

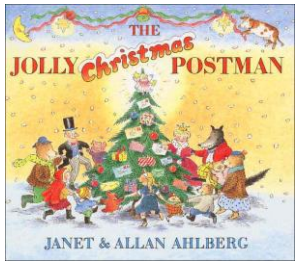
Crops, such as wheat, is grown on farms before being processed in factories. Wheat can be turned into bread, pasta, flour and cereals.

Celebrations

Core Texts







Areas of Learning	
Communication and Language	The children will be encouraged to ask questions to find out more and to check they have understood what has been said/read to them.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	The children will be learning about people that help us in the wider community and in emergencies. They will consider how to be 'good friends' and use talk to work out problems.
Physical Development	The children will refine their fine motor skills with cutting and mark making activities. They will be taking part in batt and ball games such as cricket and hockey.
Literacy	We will be sharing stories about the many celebrations taking place. The children will begin to read and write simple words and labels.
Mathematics	The children will continue to count, subitise and compare as they explore number representations and patterns, including one more/one less.
Understanding the World	The children will learn about festivals and celebrations from different parts of the world, including Diwali, Remembrance Day, Hannukah and Christmas.
Expressive Arts and Design	The children will make fireworks, poppies, diwa lamps, rangoli/mendhi patterns, christmas decorations. They will sing and perform in our Christmas show and take part in the Nativity.

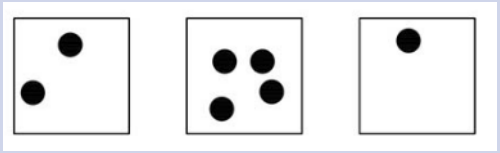
Celebrations

Key Questions
What is Diwali? What is Christmas?
How do people celebrate? What is the same/ different?
How can I be a good friend?
How should I hold my pencil?
What patterns can I see?
How many are there? What is one more? What is one less?

Key Concepts

Maths – Subitising

Children instantly recognising small quantities without the need to count them.

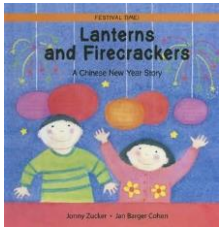


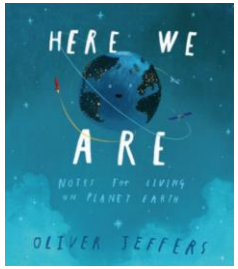
Expressive Arts and Design– Rangoli Patterns

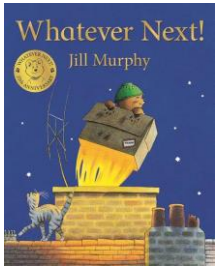
Rangoli patterns come from India. They are made from patterns of shapes using bright colours. They are often used to celebrate the festival of light – Diwali.

What a wonderful world

Core Texts







Areas of Learning	
Communication and Language	The children will retell familiar stories and articulate their ideas using newly learned vocabulary. They will continue to work on becoming good listeners.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	The children will learn to persevere when faced with different challenges. They will set and work towards personal goals. They will use kind words to encourage each other.
Physical Development	The children will be taking part in dance and yoga sessions to improve their strength , balance and coordination as well as ongoing fitness activities. They will be working on pencil grip and handwriting.
Literacy	We will be sharing stories about winter, space and Lunar New Year and learning how the features of non-fiction books give us information. The children will begin to write simple captions
Mathematics	The children will be deepening their understanding of numbers to 5; looking at number bonds, subtraction facts and doubles.
Understanding the World	The children will be learning about the solar system, planet Earth, and historical figures- Neil Armstrong/Tim Peake. They will draw information from a simple map. They will enjoy Lunar New Year activities.
Expressive Arts and Design	The children will be making stick people, collages and, sketching observational drawings of winter objects. They will watch and talk about dance/music and performances.

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What a Wonderful World

Key Questions

Where can I find the answer to my questions?

What is Lunar New Year?
How is it celebrated?

Why is Earth so special?
How can I look after our planet?

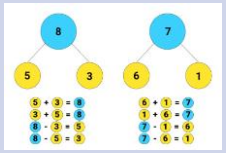
What is a force? Can I see It?
What is gravity?

How do I know it is winter?
When is ice formed?

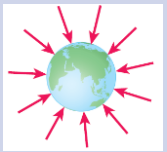
Key Concepts

Maths – Number Bonds

Number bonds are pairs of numbers which add up to a certain number.



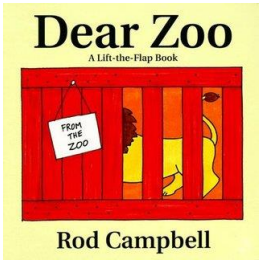
Understanding the World – Gravity

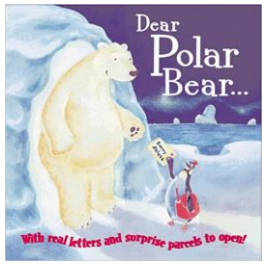


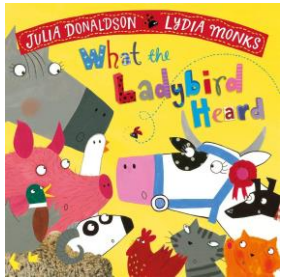
Gravity is a force which pulls objects towards each other. The Earth is big, so it has a big gravitational pull; it pulls smaller objects down to the ground so they don't float away.

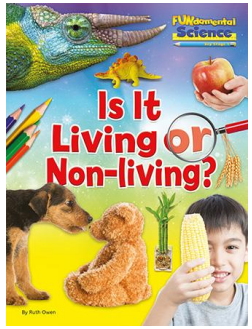
Amazing Animals

Core Texts









Areas of Learning

Communication and Language	We will make up stories as a class, adding in details and relevant vocabulary then acting them out, ready for the children to compose and narrate their own stories. The children will form hypotheses when investigating scientific questions and explain and justify their conclusions.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	This half term in our PHSE sessions we will be focusing on how we can make healthy choices, the importance of exercise, a well-balanced diet, sleep, keeping clean and dental hygiene. We will have visits from a nurse and dentist.
Physical Development	We will be refining the skills we have learnt and setting ourselves challenges. Improving our balance, coordination and accuracy through team games, obstacle courses and personal challenges. We will learn how to strike and field a ball with growing control.
Literacy	We will be applying our phonic knowledge to write simple sentences and recognise and read digraphs in our guided and independent reading. We will write our own riddles and fact files inspired by animals.
Mathematics	We will be learning and applying our knowledge of number bonds, addition/subtraction facts and doubles to solve everyday problems.We will look at patterns of number (odd/even) and patterns within shapes. We will compare height, weight, length, capacity using the correct mathematical vocabulary.
Understanding the World	The children will be learning about living things, animals and habitats. They will know the difference between a pet, farm and wild animal. They will begin to know there are different categories of animals. They will learn where in the world animals live and how they are best suited to their habitats. We will have a veterinary nurse visit and advise us how to care for pets.
Expressive Arts and Design	We will make a class display based on Rousseau-inspired painting. We will make our own wooden frames for our painting. We will learn and perform songs.

Amazing Animals

Key Questions

What happens next? Which word describes our character?

What do you think will happen? Was your hypothesis correct?

How can we stay fit and healthy?

What patterns can you see? What comes next?

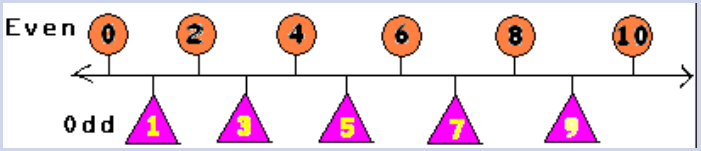
Which is tallest? How heavy is it?

How do we care for our pets?

Key Concepts

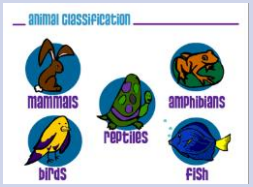
Maths – Odd and even numbers

An even number is divisible exactly by two. Even numbers have 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 in the ones column. An odd number has one left over when divided by two. Odd numbers have 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 in the ones column.



Understanding the World – Animals

Animals fit into many groups. Each group have special characteristics. Animals adapt to their habitats using their special characteristics.



Living and Growing

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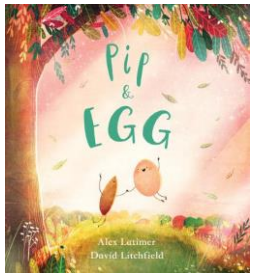
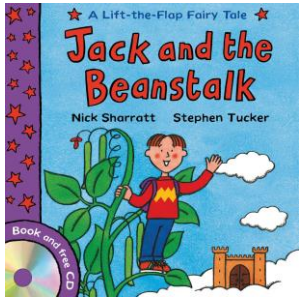




Areas of Learning	
Communication and Language	We will be discussing and suggesting explanations for why scientific phenomena did or did not happen. We will use newly introduced vocabulary in appropriate contexts.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	This half term we will be exploring the relationships we have with other people; including our families and our friends. We will explore how to maintain happy relationships and what to do when we fall out. We will develop pastoral skills through caring for our seedlings.
Physical Development	We will be developing teamwork skills by completing outdoor and adventurous challenges. We will practise our balance and coordination skills on the climbing wall. Our fine motor skills will be refined including cutting with scissors, using knives and forks and handwriting with precise pencil grips.
Literacy	We will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by writing her majesty a congratulatory letter. We will use our sunflower seedlings to label parts of plants and their lifecycles.
Mathematics	This term we will be focussed on exploring counting patterns past 10. We will use numerals and representations to model how numbers are assembled. We will also develop our spatial reasoning by investigating shape and spaces. We will build models and patterns using 2D and 3D shapes as well.
Understanding the World	We will develop our understanding of how living things grow and change, especially plants. We will be planting seeds in pots and in our learning garden and observing their growth. We will also observe the lifecycle of caterpillars through the different stages of their lives. We will also be researching the history of Queen Elizabeth II to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee.
Expressive Arts and Design	We will design, make and evaluate crowns and will research and produce individual corgi collars all for our Jubilee celebrations. Inspired by our growing sunflowers, we will draw our own chalk sunflowers after looking at famous sunflower paintings by Van Gogh.

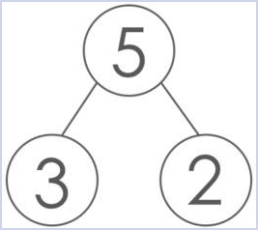
Living and Growing

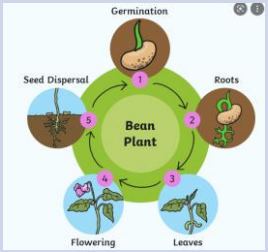
Key Questions
What's inside a seed?
What grows? How do we grow?
Why are sunflowers yellow?
How can we compose the number 14?
What would be the best material for a crown?

Key Concepts

Maths – Composition

All quantities are made from smaller quantities.



Understanding the World – Plant Lifecycle

Plants need water, sunshine food from the soil in order to grow healthily.