



**Maths**

In maths this half term we will focus on a range of skills such as:

- Count forwards and backwards 1-5, 1-10, 1-20.
- Counting rhymes - sing number songs and rhymes
- Sorting activities
- Count a set of objects (5, 10, 20)
- Count objects from a larger group and match correct numeral.
- Compare two groups of objects and say which is more and less.
- Repeating patterns.



**Understanding the World**

In our circle time sessions and classroom environment we will be learning about other cultures and exploring the festival of Diwali, the festival of light and looking at how we celebrate the harvest festival. The children will also get an introduction to technology and will use the interactive whiteboard in the classroom. We will also be exploring maps and drawing maps.

**Expressive arts and designs**

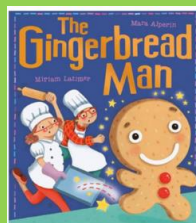
In expressive arts and design we will be focussing on music this half term which will include: finding a voice, learning new songs and singing with confidence. We will also explore a range of materials to paint self-portraits/colour monsters and gingerbread men.

**Topic**

Our topic for this half term is exploring the school environment and 'The Gingerbread Man.'

We will:

- Meet the key people from around the school
- Discuss new beginnings and how that makes us feel
- Help each other to make new friends
- Learn how to keep ourselves and our friends safe
- Explore a range of books including The Gingerbread Man, Rosie's Walk, Owl babies, The very Helpful Hedgehog, Seasons, Goodnight Owl, Day and Night, The Colour Monster, Kitchen Disco, Amazing Grace and The Gruffalo.
- Go on an Autumn walk around the school and notice changes to the environment.
- Discuss the concept of Autumn and how different animals prepare for winter.
- Retell the story of 'The Gingerbread Man' using puppets and actions.



**PE**

In PE this half-term, we are focussing on multi-skills. We will be travelling forward, backwards and sideways in curved and straight paths while contrasting speeds. PE kits should be brought in a bag with trainers and children should come to school in normal uniform. PE kit consists of plain black or navy short, joggers or leggings and a plain white t-shirt.

**Literacy**

In Literacy we will be telling stories through pictures and re-telling stories to our friends. We will be copying our names, learning rhyming words and continuing a rhyming string.

**Phonics**

We will be using Little Wandle to teach new phonemes, using graphemes (a letter or group of letters) and mnemonic (a picture with a phrase) to help the children remember and recognise different sounds.



**Other Events**

Half term is **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** and school will reopen on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**.

Please note there is a training day on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.