




Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- During our Jigsaw lessons, we will be learning about the importance of dreams and goals.
- We will continue to develop our Characteristics of Effective Learning:
 - Persisting when challenged
 - Trying different approaches
 - Asking questions
 - Noticing patterns

Explore Have a go	Try Concentrate, to achieve goals	Connect Making links
		

Physical Development:

- We will begin 'Dough Disco' sessions, when we strengthen our fingers by manipulating plasticine in time to music.
- We will use patterns to develop our pencil control and fine motor skills.
- We will begin gymnastics in PE, and learn to hold a balance, move in different ways, roll on mats and jump and land safely.

Communication and Language:

- We will take part in Expert of the Week sessions. This will be an opportunity to practise speaking, explaining, listening, recalling information, asking questions and responding appropriately.
- We will share our scientific discoveries, using new vocabulary to discuss our findings.
- We will learn new vocabulary linked to our focus book each week.

Literacy:

- During phonics we will learn new sounds; *ai, ee, igh, oa/oo, oo, ar, or/ur, ow, oi, ear/air, er.*
- We will also learn tricky words; *was, you, they, my, by all, are, sure, pure.*
- We will continue **Drawing Club**- this is an approach to developing children's early literacy skills. We will have a weekly focus story. During these sessions, we will explore new vocabulary, develop our fine motor skills and use our imaginations.

Spring 1- Let's Investigate



Maths:

- We will learn how to subitise within 5.
- We will match numeral to amounts up to 5.
- We will explore mass and capacity.
- We will revisit length and height.
- We will explore the composition of 5, 6 and 7, using the language '5 and a bit'.
- We will compare amounts, using language such as 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to'.

Understanding The World:

- We will learn how to work scientifically.
- We will be learning about changes in the natural world around us.
- We will be naming and sorting materials.
- We will investigate freezing and melting.
- We will be learning about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated.
- We will be experimenting with changing the state of chocolate (liquid & solid).
- We will use technology to create pictures.

Expressive Art and Design:

- We will be learning how to join different materials together for a range of purposes, such as using a hole punch and treasury tags to make books.
- We will use fabrics and construction techniques to develop our scientific skills.
- We will explore how to create different textures with art materials.
- We will create dragons and lanterns for a Chinese New Year parade.
- We will be exploring how to use our voices and bodies to make music.

At home

- Practise my Expert of the Week talk.
- Read three times a week (phonics book) and share a choosing book.
- Please read our 'Weekly Wonders' and use Tapestry to share the learning!

Topic support

- You could share the story 'Ada Twist Scientist' by Andrea Beaty with your child or watch a read aloud here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNNJNMEFMwA>