



Our School Values	
Love	We show love by learning about and exploring the world that we live in.
Unity	We show unity by working in groups and sharing ideas about the world we live in and the past.
Courage	We show courage by visiting new places and stepping into the past.
Inspiration	We show inspiration by encouraging others to look after our world.

Literacy

We will be reading lots of books by Julia Donaldson including The Gruffalo, Stickman and Room on the broom. We will be using our phonics and key word knowledge to write words and simple sentences about the characters, settings and events in these stories. We will also be learning how to write simple card inserts as a way of sending a message to someone else.

Numeracy -

We will be learning to subitise numbers up to 10. We will also be looking at number bonds up to ten. We shall start looking at different numerical patterns such as odd and even numbers and we will also be looking at measure and shape.

Phonics

We will continue revising all the phonics that we have learnt so far through ELS review sessions. We will continue to use this phonics knowledge to build and read words.

We will continue to send home reading books that match the children's phonics ability and that they will read confidently.

Some of the books we will read as a class.

The Gruffalo

Smeds and the Smoos

Stickman

The Smartest giant in town

Tiddler

This Half Term's adventure: Julia Donaldson Stories

Week 1 – The Gruffalo

This week we will listen to the Gruffalo story and discuss the key characters. We will be using our phonics to describe the Gruffalo's key features and will explore the repeated refrains in the story. We will also start to explore the woodland habitat and what animals live there.

Week 2 – Stickman

This week we will explore the Stickman story and learn how to write speech bubbles. We will use our time outdoors to explore sticks and use our imagination for what they could be used for! We will use sticks for helping us understand comparing lengths of objects and begin to use comparative measuring language

Week 3 – Snail and the whale

We will listen to the story, Snail and the whale this week. We will spend time thinking about where we would like to travel if we were the snail on the whale's tail, linking to our use of maps and atlases last half term. We will also explore colour mixing through reading the Smeds and the Smoos story and making our own colourful aliens!

Week 4 – Mother's Day

This week we will be spending time reflecting on our Mummies and what makes them special. We will begin to explore the composition of numbers beyond 5, using ten frames and other resources to help us. We will also be using the Superworm story to explore the properties of different materials and whether they are treasure or trash!

Week 5 – Smartest giant in town

This week we will use the Smartest giant in town story to explore the importance of helping others. We will write a thank you letter to the giant for being kind. We will begin to explore number bonds to 10 in maths lessons. We will also use the story Cave Baby to practice our drawing skills by creating our own Cave drawings using chalk and pastels.

Week 6- Easter

This week our learning will focus on the celebration of Easter. The children will learn about this important Christian festival and take part in a range of activities linked to Easter. The children will be learning how to sew a simple stitch using a needle and thread. We will also be learning the names of some 3D shapes and their properties.

Some of the new words I will be learning		
Word	Definition	Picture
Habitat	The natural home or environment of an animal or plant.	
Illustrator	A person who draws or creates pictures of books or magazines	
Author	The writer of a book or document	
Magnetic	A metal that will attract to a magnet.	
Easter	A Christian festival that remembers when Jesus died.	