

Communication and Language:



- Developing our listening skills through daily story time.
- Learning new vocabulary that we need to talk about the past and the present, including: 'a long time ago', 'the olden days', 'the past', 'old-fashioned', 'the present', 'nowadays', 'new' and 'recent'.
- Introducing our daily calendar, using the language of 'today', 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow'.

Physical Development:



- Exercising the muscles in our fingers and hands through daily fine motor activities and challenges.
- Learning to use hand-held kitchen tools safely and effectively in fortnightly cookery lessons (this half term we will make fruit salad, Irish soda bread and hot crossed buns).

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:



- Re-introducing our 'Zones of Regulation' emotions chart and practicing strategies to help regulate our emotions.
- Promoting empathy by exploring how characters might think and feel in the stories we read.
- Trying exotic fruits and making a healthy fruit salad inspired by the story *Handa's Surprise*.

English and Phonics:



- Revisiting the Level 2 and Level 3 sounds in our daily phonics lessons (using 'Twinkl Phonics')
- Using our book of the week as inspiration for writing words, phrases, and sentences, including *Mr Wolf's Pancakes*, *Lost in the Toy Museum* and *Naughty Bus*
- Celebrating how much we love reading on World Book Day (2nd March 2023).

Our topic this half term is:

Toys Through Time



Understanding the World:



- Learning about how children's toys and games have changed from the Victorian era through to the present day.
- Performing a range of exciting experiments for British Science Week (beginning Monday 13th March)
- Learning about how Christians celebrate the springtime festivals of Shrove Tuesday and Easter.

Mathematics:



- Gain confidence in counting, reading and writing numbers up to 20.
- To develop fluency in identifying and representing numbers in different representations.
- To practise using the language of 'less than', 'more than', and 'equal to' to compare numbers in different representations.

Expressive Arts and Design:



- Using materials to recreate toys from the past, including Jack-in-the-boxes and Russian dolls.
- Painting the front covers of our favourite stories for World Book Day (2nd March 2023)
- Creating Easter cards with moving parts.

Our core books this half term:

