

## Our Learning

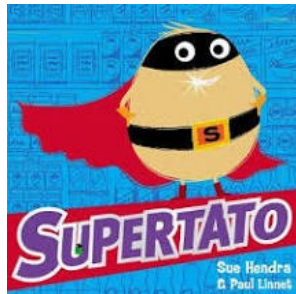
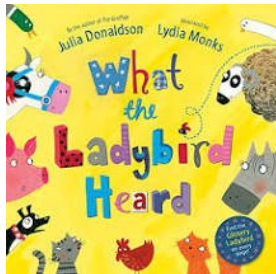
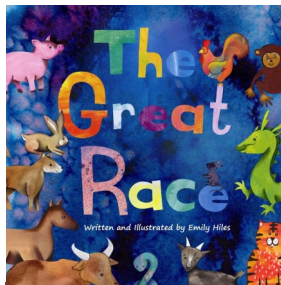
Happy New Year!

This half term we continue to re-tell lots of stories using our story maps and enjoy innovating the story of the bear hunt with our own ideas. We are introduced to simple bird's eye view maps of our local area.

We enjoy the celebration of Chinese New Year.

## Books we will be sharing this half term...

*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*  
Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



## Communication and Language

We use talk to help work out problems and organise thinking and activities, and to explain how things work and why they might happen.

## Physical Development

We become secure in our holding of a pen or pencil and use it to write letters that are recognisable, as well as practising starting and finishing in the right place.

Our weekly PE sessions will involve developing and refining a range of ball skills including throwing, catching, kicking, passing, batting, and aiming.

## Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

We know and talk about the different factors that support our overall health and wellbeing including regular physical activity and healthy eating.

## Literacy

We review and continue to use all our single letter and special friend RWI sounds.

We begin reading short 'ditties' which match the sounds we know.

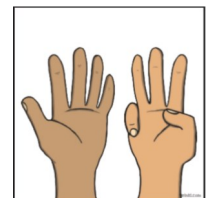
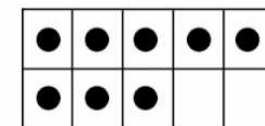
We hold a simple sentence in our heads and write it and continue to practise reading and writing CVC words and common exception words (no, I go, the into).



## Mathematics

We subitise to 10 and explore the composition of numbers to ten using ten frames.

We practise automatically recalling number bonds to 10 and linking the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value to 10.



## Understanding the World

Wrap up warm! We enjoy the winter weather by exploring frost and snow.

We discuss the name of the road and town our school is located in. We look at aerial views of our school setting and draw simple maps of our immediate environment and maps from imaginary story settings we are familiar with.

## R.E.

We talk about what the parish family celebrates and The Presentation story - when Mary took Jesus to the Temple.



## Expressive Arts and Design

We listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing our feelings and responses.

We watch and talk about dance and performance art, expressing our feelings and responses.

We enjoy a session with Bolton Music Service every week.

## How You Can Help

- Bring your child to school everyday on time.
- Share your child's learning from home by uploading images to Tapestry.  

  - Follow the school on Twitter  @stwilliambolton.
  - Ensure your child uses a knife and fork when eating at home and encourage them to get dressed and undressed independently.
- Ensure your child is using the toilet correctly at home and is washing their hands thoroughly afterwards.
- Reduce the amount of time your child spends on screens, including tablets and watching television. Spend more time outdoors whatever the weather!
- Listen to your child read every day as well as reading them a bedtime story every night.



*Shining as we learn in  
Faith, Family and Friendship!*

**St William of York  
Catholic Primary School**

**What we are learning  
in Reception**



Spring Term 1

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