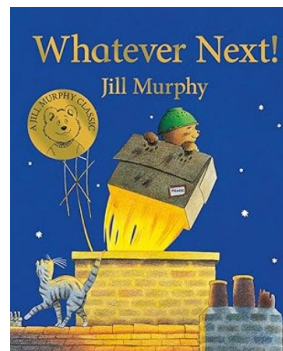
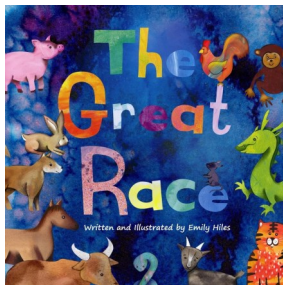


## Our Learning

This half term we will continue to learn about different celebrations as we celebrate our New Year and the Lunar New year as well as other key events like Valentines day and Shrove Tuesday.

We will continue to develop our independence as we access and explore new activities and resources in our classroom.

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



## Communication and Language

We will be learning to know about and talk about the different things that contribute to our overall health and wellbeing. We will continue to manage our own needs; retrieving our own belongings and being independent in our choices and play.

## Physical Development

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

We will still be practicing collecting our PE kits and getting change for PE by ourselves and trying to do it speedier.

## Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

We will continue to navigate respectful relationships and learn about how to be kind to others even if we disagree or have different opinions.

## Literacy

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

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

We will continue to practise reading and writing CVC words and common exception words (no, I go, the into, put, of, my).



## Mathematics

We will be continuing to subitise to 5 and begin to subitise to 10. Through play we will explore the composition of numbers by focusing on the parts and the whole.

cardinal number value to 10. We will explore measures by comparing height, length and mass.

## Understanding the World

We will enjoy the winter weather by exploring frost and snow.

We will be learning about maps and will have lots of fun, reading and navigating a map of our classroom to find hidden objects, and larger aerial view maps of our immediate school environment and maps from imaginary story settings we are familiar with.

## R.E.

We will continue to learn the Nativity story– focusing on the visit of the three Magi. We will then begin to learn about the life of Jesus when he was an adult.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will focus on the work of artist Vincent Van Gogh. We will learn about his life and his painting Starry Night. We will use this as inspiration to create our own starry Night pictures.

This term we will enjoy a music session with Bolton Music Service every week, we will be learning to listen attentively, move to and talk about music, expressing our feelings and responses.

## How You Can Help

- Bring your child to school everyday on time at **8.40am**.
- Share your child's learning from home by uploading images to Tapestry.
- 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.
- Speak with your child as you carry out different activities at home to develop their language and understanding of the world.



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## Our Learning

This half term we are continuing to develop our creativity, our thinking skills and resilience in our learning and our play.

We are beginning to apply some of the knowledge and the skills we have learnt independently when we play together.

## Communication and Language

We are learning to develop our Oracy skills by taking turns when having a conversation and listening to the speaker. We are continuing to learn to use a loud, clear voice when we are speaking to others.

We are continuing to explore new words and use them

## Literacy and Phonics

In our phonics work, we begin reading short ditties and 'red' story books which match the sounds we now know.

We write our first and last names, forming lower case and capitals correctly and putting a finger space in between.

We are continuing to apply our phonics to write words independently in our play and to give meaning to our creations.

We are learning to 'hold a sentence' and write it using the sounds we have learnt and some common exception words, we then re-read what we have written to check that it makes sense.

When sharing books we are continuing to

## Physical Development

This half term we build upon our movement and traveling skills. We begin to explore how to throw and catch independently and with a partner. We are taught how to balance using our own bodies and then balancing on objects.

We continue to work on our fine motor skills so we can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently.

We learn to move about school safely and competently when walking through corridors, up and down steps and when lining up and queuing.

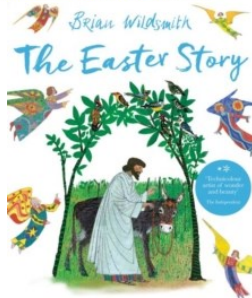
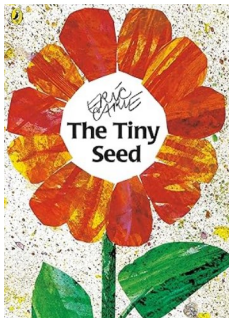
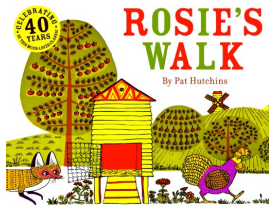
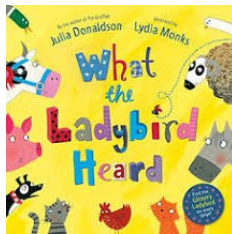
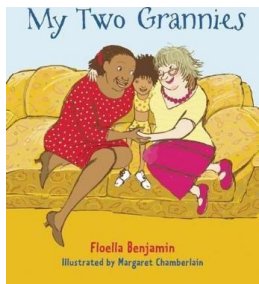
## Mathematics

We continue to subitise to 10 and explore the composition of numbers.

We continue to compare amounts and use mathematical language correctly.

We explore 3D shapes and compare and order objects by length and also by height.

## Books we will be sharing this half



## Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

We are continuing to develop respectful friendships and are learning how to think about the perspective of others and consider the feelings of others.



## Understanding the World

This half term we will focus on the Season of Spring. We will learn about animals: their habitats and their babies and we will explore the natural world around us. We will focus on the past; talking about experiences that are familiar to us and how these may have differed in the past. We enjoy Lent and the celebration of Easter.

## R.E.

We will explore the season of Lent and look closely at the signs of Lent. We will learn about the representations of Holy week and the celebration of Easter; exploring and learning about Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

## Expressive Arts and Design

We will learn about the Artist Andy Goldsworthy and use his work as inspiration to create our own artwork. We will continue to explore and create using tools and resources

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