

Literacy

Our first text is the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will be using our knowledge of story language (including repeated refrains) and structure to create our own story maps and retell the story independently.

In Reception, we will continue to write simple sentences independently using our phonic knowledge.

Phonics

In Nursery, we are continuing to develop our listening and attention skills (Phase 1). We will focus on one new sound each week, e.g. s, a, t, i, p, n.

In Reception, we will introduce alternate graphemes for familiar sounds – le, o, a, e, i, o, u, -y. We will begin to read simple sentences independently, including those that contain 'tricky words' (I, the, to, no, go, he, she, we, all, said).

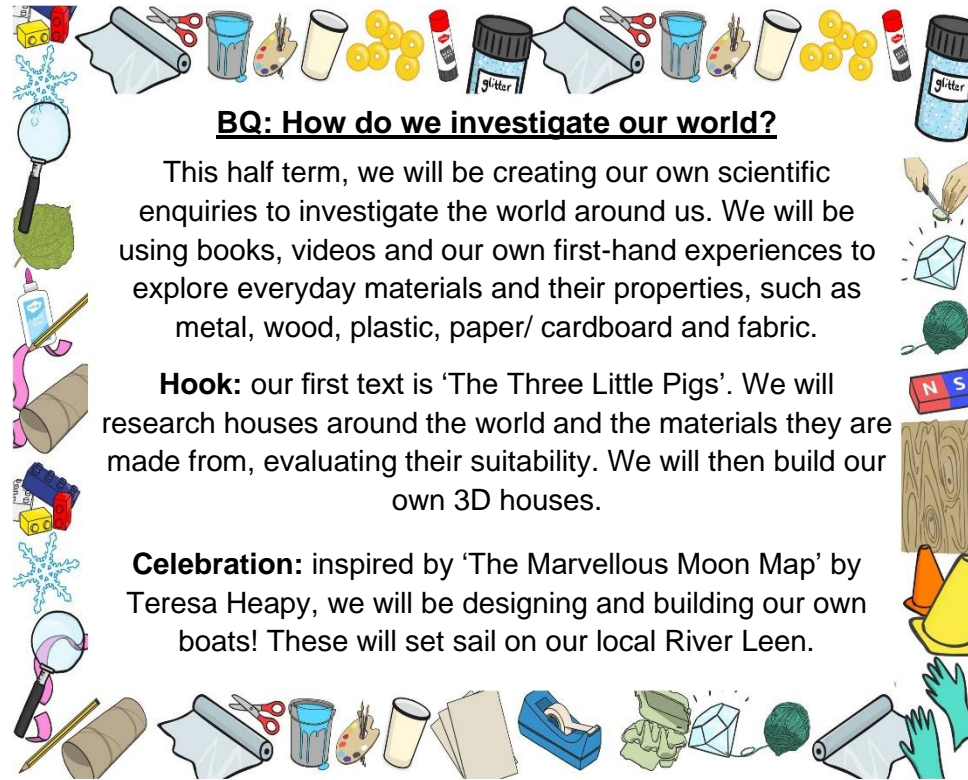
Maths

In Nursery, we will explore numerals 1, 2 and 3 and simple 2D and 3D shapes.

In Reception, we will introduce numerals 11-20 and use lots of manipulatives (such as Numicon and cubes) to understand the composition of each number. We will continue to learn our number bonds to 10 and begin to recall some independently. We will also use our knowledge of counting to introduce problem solving questions, including 'first, then and now' structures.

Communication and Language

We will use talk to organise our thinking and develop our ideas, such as explaining how things work and why they might happen.



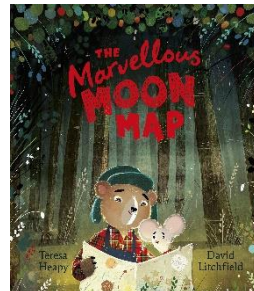
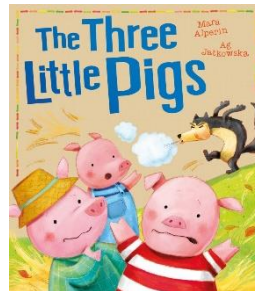
BQ: How do we investigate our world?

This half term, we will be creating our own scientific enquiries to investigate the world around us. We will be using books, videos and our own first-hand experiences to explore everyday materials and their properties, such as metal, wood, plastic, paper/ cardboard and fabric.

Hook: our first text is 'The Three Little Pigs'. We will research houses around the world and the materials they are made from, evaluating their suitability. We will then build our own 3D houses.

Celebration: inspired by 'The Marvellous Moon Map' by Teresa Heapy, we will be designing and building our own boats! These will set sail on our local River Leen.

Texts



Snape Wood PRIDE and SCARF (PSHE)

Children will be focusing on our Positive and Determination values this half term.

In PSHE, our theme will be 'Being My Best'. Children will learn the importance of resilience and believing in yourself, including how to overcome the challenges they may face. Later on, we will explore healthy choices and how we can be our 'best'. This will include our eating and sleeping habits and the way we move our bodies.

Understanding the World

Children will make observations, ask questions and investigate collections of everyday materials and their properties. We will compare the similarities and differences between them and begin to group materials in a range of ways, such as those that are waterproof or smooth in texture. We will be using our scientific enquiry skills to test these materials, making predictions and drawing conclusions based on our findings.

Later on, we will explore how things happen and why things work. Children will investigate floating and sinking, considering the most suitable materials for building a boat.

Physical Development

Both Nursery and Reception will focus on refining our fine motor skills this half term. Nursery will continue with Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle and Dough Disco sessions, whilst Reception will focus on pencil control and handwriting. In Nursery, we will be learning how to zip up our coats, use knives and forks with control and write our names independently.

In Reception, our focus in PE is ball games. Children will be learning to throw, catch and kick a ball with good co-ordination and control.

Expressive Arts and Design

As we build our own 3D structures, we will be refining our design ideas and exploring the best techniques for joining, fixing and moulding different materials.

Our focus nursery rhymes are: 'Little Peter Rabbit', 'One Little Finger', 'A Sailor Went to Sea.'