# Communication and Language

The children will continue to have opportunities for daily discussions and high quality interactions within both small groups and whole class settings. The children will develop their speaking skills and be supported to organise their thoughts and sequence their ideas together to express their interests and ideas. We will encourage the children to develop their own narratives and explanations and will support the children to develop an awareness of listeners' needs when they are speaking.

# <u>PSED (Personal, Social and Emotional Development)</u>

This half term we will be recognising the important role we have within our communities and the things that we can do to help others. The children will recognise that one kind action can go a long way to help others. We will also recognise that as we grow up our responsibilities increase. We will be understanding the importance of keeping information about ourselves private and recognise who is trustworthy and not trustworthy to share information about ourselves with. We will be noticing how we have changed over time and will set ourselves personal goals and work towards achieving these.

## R.E.

The topic for this half term is "New Life". We will be learning about Jesus' Resurrection and recognise that Jesus rose from the dead and that this is the reason we have Easter. We will listen to how Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene after He had risen and will recognise the importance of this. We will explore how Jesus appeared to His disciples and gave them the gifts of joy and peace and can give them to us as well. We will also listen to how Jesus returned to his Father at the Ascension. This term, our class worship will be on 13th June at 9am.

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children will continue to be creative each day and show more independence with their activities. This half term we will be using shapes as stencils and cutting these out. Then will then consider how we can use shapes to build pictures. We will also be developing our painting skills, recognising different types of tools and paint we can use for different purposes. In music we will be listening to and appraising music. The children will sing and play simple instruments to perform songs.



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Growing and Changing

# Phonics (Level 4 / Phase 4)

This half-term we will continue to consolidate and apply our Level 3 learning whilst also working within Level 4. No new graphemes are taught within Level 4, however the children will learn to read and write CCVC and CVCC words and learn to recognise new Tricky Words. We will also recognise adjacent consonants and polysyllabic words and practice blending and segmenting to continue to support our reading and writing.

# Physical Development

We will continue to strengthen our fine motor skills and use this to develop accuracy and stamina with writing and cutting. We will encourage the children to develop an accurate tripod pencil grip and letter formation. We will continue to build our gross motor skills through developing and refining our fundamental movement skills. We will continue to develop our precision in different skills such as balancing, jumping, climbing, throwing, catching and rolling.

#### Literacy

This half term we will continue to develop our writing skills. We will share and read a range of stories and particularly focus on "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. We will consider characters and sequence stories. We will recognise how we can write for different purposes and will also develop our story



writing skills and build our own bank of story language. We will develop our comprehension skills and start to talk about what we have read. We will develop our independence applying our phonics skills to become more confident and fluent when reading and writing.

#### Maths

We follow White Rose for Maths. This half term we will start to explore numbers beyond ten. We will notice number patterns and explore counting patterns. We will also explore the concept of adding more and taking away. We will deepen our understanding of shape through rotating and manipulating different shapes.

#### Understanding The World

This half term we will explore the great outdoors! We will consider a range of mini-beasts and go for bug hunts. We will recognise some different lifecycles and watch and observe real caterpillars growing and changing to become butterflies. We will plant our own seeds, recognise what they need to grow and learn how to care for them. We will learn about the importance of gardens and all the different living things that visit gardens. We will also recognise seasonal changes. We will notice the season of Spring and discover the changes that occur within this season. We will notice some of the ways that we have changed since we were born and since we have started school and how we will continue to change.