



**Reception**  
**Spring 1 2024 – Far, far away.**

### **Communication and Language**

We will introduce Whole Class Cooking; the children will have the opportunity to become 'Head Chef' of their group and will give instructions to their team, ensure good turn taking and follow a recipe. Please look out for a parent mail regarding cooking donations.

We will continue to develop children's questioning skills and will be encouraged to express their ideas and feelings about their experiences.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We will continue to discuss the importance of recognising our feelings and we use strategies to support us in managing some of the bigger and trickier emotions. Children will learn the importance of good turn taking and working co-operatively with others, especially during our whole class cooking sessions. We will be thinking about our relationships and how people have different likes and dislikes. We will also ensure that the children have a good understanding of our whole school Acorns Agreements.

### **Physical Development**

In our Dance PE unit children will develop their expressive movement, copying and repeating actions and explore space and how to use space safely. Children will have the opportunity to perform to others and receive simple feedback. During cooking, the children will be taught to use tools and cutlery safely.

### **Literacy**

Children will be inspired by stories and books. We will learn how to write longer words and sentences using our digraphs. We will write for different purposes including writing a Non-Fiction piece about polar bears or penguins.

### **Maths**

Children will be deepening their understanding of numbers within 8 – composing and comparing these. We will develop our subitising skills: recognising an amount without having to count. We will learn about combining two groups and doubles.

### **Understanding the World**

We will explore similarities and differences between our local environment and contrasting continents around the world. We will explore some important natural processes such as ice melting through experiments. We will learn about Lunar New Year and try some Chinese food.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will be encouraged to explore painting and mixed media using varied tools and materials for example collage and transient art. Children will be encouraged to explore sound using different instruments and body parts.

### **RE**

We will be learning about ourselves and others. We will compare festivals and religious/cultural celebrations including Lunar New Year.

### **RHSE**

Children will learn about their relationships and will understand that there are differences between people's views and beliefs and will celebrate this.