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

- During our Jigsaw lessons, we will be learning about the importance of dreams and goals.
- We will consider a goal we would like to achieve this year.
- We will use our Growth Mindset to build resilience and perseverance.
- We will continue to learn how to work collaboratively with others for example to play a board game or to complete a jigsaw.
- We will consider the feelings of others.

## **Physical Development:**

- We will continue to develop our fine motor skills, for example using tweezers, weaving materials and playdough.
- We will develop our cursive letters, using our Letter Join scheme.
- We will develop our pencil control.
- We will develop our sequencing, coordination and balancing skills.
- We will learn a simple dance routine in our PE sessions.

## Communication and Language:

- We will be using scientific vocabulary.
- We will take part in Expert of the Week sessions. This will be an opportunity to practise speaking, explaining, listening, recalling information, asking questions and responding appropriately.
- We will share our scientific discoveries, using new vocabulary to discuss our findings.
- We will learn rhymes and poems.

## Literacy:

- During phonics we will learn new sounds; ai, ee, igh, oa/oo, oo, ar, or/ur, ow, oi, ear/air, er.
- We will learn how to read longer words.
- We will also learn tricky words; was, you, they, my, by all, are, sure, pure.
- We will explore non-fiction and fiction texts.
- We will explore poetry and rhyming texts.
- We will learn about the 'Writing Toolkit', to help us know the key features of a sentence (capital letters, finger spaces, full stops).

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#### Maths:

- We will learn how to subitise within 5.
- We will match numeral to amounts up to 5.
- We will explore mass and capacity.
- We will revisit length and height.
- We will explore the composition of 5, 6 and 7, using the language '5 and a bit'.
- We will compare amounts, using language such as 'more than', 'fewer than' and 'equal to'.

## **Understanding The World:**

- We will learn how to work scientifically.
- We will be learning about changes in the natural world around us.
- We will be naming and sorting materials.
- We will investigate how water, temperature and light can change state.
- We will be learning about Chinese New Year and how this is celebrated.
- We will be experimenting with changing the state of chocolate.
- We will use technology to create pictures.

## **Expressive Art and Design:**

- We will be learning how to join different materials together for a range of purposes, such as using a hole punch and treasury tags to make books.
- We will use fabrics and construction techniques to develop our scientific skills.
- We will explore how to create different textures with art materials.
- We will dragons and lanterns for a Chinese New Year parade.
- We will be exploring how to use our voices and bodies to make music.

#### At home

- Practise my Expert of the Week talk.
- Read three times a week (phonics book) and share a choosing book.
- Please read our 'Weekly Wonders' and use Tapestry to share the learning!

## **Topic support**

 You could share the story 'Ada Twist Scientist' by Andrea Beaty with your child or watch a read aloud here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HNHJN MEFMwA