

## Early Years - Year A Spring 2 Curriculum Map

Overview of topics:  
'Bears' Including Chinese New Year and Easter

### **Maths**

During this half term, Gold Class will be continuing to work with the numbers from 1-10. We will use the Numberblocks to help us to find one more and one less. And we will find different ways to split numbers into parts. We will also be learning how to add by counting on and how to subtract using counters.

In Silver Class will continue to investigate numbers through play opportunities. Every day we will sing counting songs to help support number development and we will use our fingers to match different numbers. We will also continue to develop our shape knowledge by using different shapes in our play.

### **Physical Development**

During our child initiated time, we will continue to support the children's gross motor and fine motor skills. We will be learning how to move in lots of different ways around the outdoor area and we will be practising our cutting skills in the classroom.

In Gold Class, we will continue to work on the correct formation of our letters and we will begin to learn how to write on lined paper.

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

During our child initiated time, we will continue to support the children to take turns and to learn how to negotiate to solve problems. We will also continue to embed our school values of: determination, independence, curiosity and communication.

In our Gold Class circle time sessions, we will be using the Jigsaw scheme of work to discuss how to keep 'Healthy Me.'

### **Communication, Language and Literacy**

This half term we will continue to enjoy our daily phonics lessons. In Gold Class, we will continue to learn the Phase 3 digraphs, such as, sh, th, ai, igh. We will learn to read and write new tricky words that will support our reading and writing. We will then learn to write our own simple sentences which will include phase 3 digraphs and tricky words. In Silver Class, we will play lots of different games and tell stories that will continue to help us to hear the initial sounds in words and begin to help us to blend sounds together to make words.

During literacy lessons, we will be continuing with helicopter stories into both Gold and Silver classes. Through Helicopter stories, we will develop our story telling language by creating our own stories which will then be acted out by the class.

In our literacy lessons we will also be sharing the stories: We're going on a bear hunt, Peace at Last, Whatever Next and This is the Bear. We will also be looking at the story of the Chinese Zodiac and Easter.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be looking at the stories involved in Chinese New Year and Easter and will be offering opportunities to make different crafts associated with these stories, for example, Chinese lanterns, blossom trees, Easter cards and Easter nests.

For our Bear topic, we will be creating bear dens, painting textured bear fork pictures and finding out what it is like to go into space with Whatever Next. We also be going on adventures to search for bears. In Gold Class, we will have weekly music lessons. Our Charanga music topic for this half term is: Our World.

### **Understanding the World**

During this half term we will explore the changing season and we will be looking for the different signs of Spring. We will be investigating nocturnal animals with the book 'Peace at Last' and finding out where bears live in the world. As part of our Chinese New Year celebrations, we will be exploring how other cultures celebrate and we will be discussing how we are the same and different to others.