

# Our Spring Term topic is Awesome Earth



## Communication and Interaction, and Cognition and Learning: English

We will continue to develop our communication skills by using Colourful Semantics to extend our sentences. We will be focussing on using functional language that will help the children with their everyday activities.

We will also be reading books and mark making or writing sentences related to our topic, like Oliver Jeffers' *Lost and Found*, and *How to Catch a Star*, and another regular author of ours, Julia Donaldson. We will also use different information books to learn about life in the desert. After half term we will learn about the stories behind the Chinese New Year and re-enact them with puppets and masks.



## Cognition and Learning: Maths

Maths will continue to be learnt through a "hands on" approach using different Multi Sensory Maths approaches such as Stern, Numicon, Cuisenaire and Unifix and printing. Children will count, add or subtract using these resources.

We will be learning ordinal numbers by linking this to the animal race for Chinese New Year. At Easter we will make repeating patterns on Easter eggs, and we will use positional language to help us find hidden eggs.



## Social, Emotional, Mental Health, and Independence

We will be marking a variety of celebrations throughout the term including St Valentine's day, Chinese New Year, World Book Day, Science Week, and, of course, Easter. Classes will continue to hold regular circle time to talk about our emotions and feelings. Children will also be supported to develop their independence in dressing, self care and eating. We will also teach children protective behaviours to keep them safe when they are in the community.

## Sensory and Physical Development



## PE

Pupils will continue the school year learning and completing activities based around Invasion games. Pupils will learn to send and receive balls, defend and attack through different games such as Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Football and Rugby. We will also have weekly Sensory Circuits to develop a sense of proprioception.

## Science

In Science, we will be learning about the North and South Poles and the animals that live there. We will conduct experiments with ice and explore magnetism. Pupils will also learn about the sea and floating and sinking. We will also make our own volcanoes and experiment to find which chemicals make the best volcanic eruption.



## Art / DT

In Art and DT, pupils will be exploring different textures and creating different pieces linked to the North and South Pole, Sea and Deserts. We will use materials such as paper mache, homemade Lava lamps, sensory bags and bubbles to create 'Awesome Earth' pictures and models.



## Music

Pupils will join in with differentiated music lessons at Wheatley Primary School with Rachel Cave, who is a trained *SoundAbout* teacher. This will include playing and performing on their own and as a group. Children will use their voices and play musical instruments, and will learn to follow different rhythms and patterns.

