

### Literacy

This term we will be continuing with the Read, Write Inc phonics programme, where we will be blending sounds to read green words and will learn red words by heart (You can't Fred a red!). In addition, we will be reading, discussing and sequencing a range of fiction books including, African stories, The Elves and the Shoemaker and Jack and the Beanstalk. We will also be enjoying a range of non-fiction books.

In writing, we will be continuing to practise our letter formation and using our 'Fred Fingers', to segment and spell words. We will be holding and writing sentences and we will be writing sentences independently. We will be writing postcards, descriptions of African animals and captions of pictures.

### Mathematics

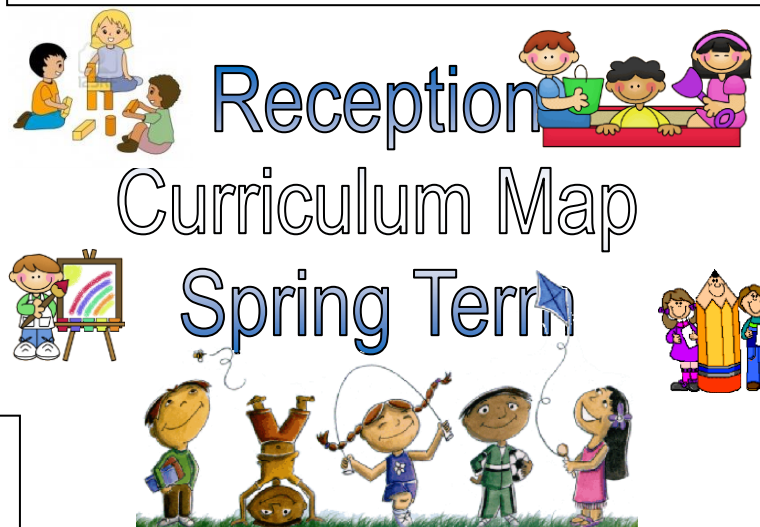
This term we will be learning to read and write numbers. We will continue learning to add numbers to 10 including number bonds and will use the related vocabulary. We will also be learning to order numbers from the smallest to the largest, as well as, continuing to identify one more and one less (with objects and numbers). We will be comparing numbers within 10 to develop a deeper understanding of the composition of numbers. We will be comparing the capacity, mass and length of two objects and we will look for shapes within shapes.

### Understanding the World

As part of our winter topic, we will be learning about the difference between winter and summer. We will be learning about Africa and comparing a rural village in Kenya to West Rainton. We will also be learning about Chinese New Year.

Later in the term, we will be learning about the things a plant needs to grow, the different parts of a plant and we will be looking closely at the similarities and differences between plants. We will also be growing our very own beanstalks.

Towards the end of term, we will be looking at the Christian festival of Easter. We will be listening to the Easter story and learning how Christians celebrate this festival. We will also be joining in with customs such as egg hunting and egg decorating.



### Physical Development

This term, we will be focusing on indoor athletics in PE. We will also be learning an African inspired dance, which we will perform at the dance assembly with the rest of the school.

We will continue to complete a range of 'Funky Fingers' challenges to develop our pencil control and help us write recognisable letters and words. We will be learning how to use tools, objects and construction materials with increasing control.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be making African inspired (Masaai) jewellery, creating kente cloth and making animal masks.

We will be learning the African call and response songs Kye Kye Kule and Toom bah ee lero. We will making our own percussion instruments.

Later in the term, we will be practising our drawing skills when making observational drawings of plants.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, we will be using Fred Frog, during circle time to encourage children to take turns, listen and value the opinions of others. We will be developing our confidence when speaking in a group and we will be discussing what makes a good friend.

We will also be discussing how our actions and choices affect others and we will be developing the skills of taking turns, playing co-operatively and finding compromises.