

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Sharing and helping each other, linked to looking after the world fantasy character's special power – Environment and Sustainability focus
- Discussion about character feelings throughout stories.
- Recapping rules and routines
- Work as part of a team in the Christmas show.
- Jigsaw SEAL theme –Celebrating Differences
- See themselves as a valuable individual.
- Build constructive and respectful relationships.
- Think about the perspectives of others.

Mathematics

- Week 1** – Unit 3: **3d Shapes** and their properties and measure
- Week 2** – Unit 3: **2d Shapes** and their properties
- Week 3** – Unit 4: Change within 5 – **ONE MORE** and counting to 20
- Week 4** - Unit 4: Change within 5 – **ONE LESS** and money
- Week 5** – **Assessment Week**
- Week 6** – Unit 5: **Number Bonds within 5** & pattern
- Week 7** – Unit 6: **Spatial awareness**

Literacy – Writing

- Write lowercase letters every day
- Writing instructions, cards, Christmas lists
- Spell words by identifying the sounds and then writing the sound with letter/s.
- Rewriting key events from a story – hearing the initial and final sounds in words.
- Write their own adventure stories in mini books
- Writing letters to/from a fantasy/ adventure character
- Letter formation (linked to RWI)
- Writing questions to ask an fantasy/ adventure character
- Write a card – children to write their name correctly

Communication and Language

- Discussion about special celebrations and events, including Diwali, Guy Fawkes Day, Hanukkah, Christmas.
- Hot seating fantasy and adventure characters
- Home corner enhancement – Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali, Xmas
- Asking questions, who, what, why and when.
- Responding to questions relating to a non-fiction text.
- Use new vocabulary in different contexts.
- Ask questions to find out more and to check they understand what has been said to them.
- Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound – Xmas songs
- Listen to and build on the ideas of others – World Science Day, Super-hero themed day
- Describing characters from core texts - Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.

Fantasy and Adventure Topic Web - Reception

Autumn 2 2025



Literacy – Reading

(Informed by EYFS Framework, RWI and the Reading Framework 2021)

- Engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary
- Read simple common exception words and simple phrases made up of words with known letter-sound correspondences
- Re-read and listen to familiar texts to help develop fluency and comprehension
- RWI activities – daily RWI lessons and activities to support learning phonemes and GPC.
- Discussing differences between fiction and non-fiction texts
- Blend CVC, CCVC, CCVC words

Expressive arts and design

- Make props to help children to develop a storyline in their play - Dressing up/role play area_ witch's play dough moulding, superhero tools
- Develop their own ideas and then decide which materials to use to express them- Super hero masks, fantasy and adventure props, pirates and maps
- Create collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills – Make a class castle, design a chair
- Sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody – Xmas show
- Make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' with blocks and construction kits – Eco projects, superhero theme park

Physical Development

- PE lessons - Developing kicking, throwing and catching skills
- PE- Balance – explore different ways of moving; climbing, jumping, skipping, running, hopping etc.
- Daily FMS - Scissor skills and play dough activities
- Junk modelling
- Healthy eating – New Year resolutions
- Daily handwriting practise – RWI and Nelson Scheme
- Develop independence - putting coats on and doing up zips.

Understanding of the World

- Talking about celebrations and festivals – Bonfire night, Halloween
- Understand that some places are special to members of their community.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways – Xmas, Hanukkah , Diwali,
- Superhero themed / witch's science adventures – World Science Day
- Create a pirate boat / adventure area in the outdoor area.

Key dates

5.11.25: Bonfire Night
04.12.25: **Thursday** -Favourite fantasy or adventure character dressing up day.
9.12.25 EYFS Christmas Show
17.12.25 Christmas party (Just for children!)
18.12.25 AM Toy Day and at 1:30pm break up!

Core Books

03.11.25: **Down the Back of the Chair** by Margaret Mahy
10.11.25: **The Paperbag Princess** by Robert Munsch
17.11.25: **The Night Pirates** by Peter Harris and **Max the Brave** by Ed Vere
24.11.25: **Elliot Midnight Superhero** by Anne Cotringer and **Superkid** by Claire Freedman
01.12.25: **Super Daisy** by Kes Grey and **Superheros Don't Get Scared** by Kate Thompson
08.12.25: **Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs** by Giles Andreae and **A Superpower like Mine** by Ranj Singh
15.07.25 **Billy's Bucket** by Kes Gray and Christmas & Winter celebration stories.