# **English**

Little Wandle phonics lessons with consistent delivery will continue 4 days a week. This will ensure all of our pupils continue to make progress in their understanding of sounds and letters. This half term we are reading 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig' by Eugene Trivizas and Helen Oxenbury when our writing focus linked to the text will be debate/argument. Next, we will read 'The Moon of Kyiv' by Gianni Rodari with a simple 'story' writing focus.

Please see our reading newsletter for information about our Author of the Month.

### Maths

In maths this half term we are focusing on 'number'. You can never do enough work with numbers and counting it is the basis of lots of life skills. Pupils will be start with counting and subitising.



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# Computing

emotions change.

**PSHE** 

Our topic is 'stop animation' we'll be looking at how this is created, which will involve considering background, environment and characters. We'll need to make our storyboard, characters and props and take lots of photos which will culminate in making our own animation film.

In our topic 'My Changing Body' is going to be interesting, learning about how our bodies have

changed since we were born and the changes we

go through during puberty. As well as looking at

the proper names for body parts and how they

change, we'll look at how our feelings and

# History

This term our topic will be Britain Stone Age and Iron Age. We'll consider past and present, will become archaeologists finding artefacts and will learn about what life was like then in comparison to now, focusing on food. The pupils will probably be surprised that there was no pizza!

#### PE

Our PE focus will be gymnastics, practising moving in different ways using different parts of our bodies, then putting sequences of movements together.

#### Horticulture

A new weekly learning opportunity where our initial focus is Planting, Cropping and Maintenance. After considering what we can grow we'll look where seeds come from, prepare containers and sow seeds.

#### Science

In Science we will be learning about nutrition and food chains starting with uses our senses and deciding the types of food we like to eat, we'll – consider healthy and unhealthy foods and what a balanced diet is, along with where our food comes from. It's going to be busy

#### Music

Our weekly session will be a Charanga block 'Big Bear Funk' where we'll listen and join in with different styles of music, exploring pulse and pitch

### RE

Will be a focused week at the end of the half term, looking at identity and belonging. We'll consider what makes a community

### **Art and Design**

Our focus is 'cave drawings' We'll be drawing on different surfaces using different materials and will learn about tone and how this can be changed with the amount of pressure we apply. We will practise linking circles and lines to draw people and animals and begin to communicate about what we like in our drawings.

## **Engagement and Community Visits**

Community visits linked to the curriculum will continue each week. They will be linked to science horticulture, maths and art.

We will also continue with regular visits to the local library (which will happen throughout the year) look out for an invitation to join us reading with your child.