

EYFS Curriculum Overview

Summer 2021

In the Nursery, our focus books for the first half term will be *The Gigantic Turnip*, followed by a non-fiction book all about insects. After the half term we will be having two weeks of *Mazey madness* followed by the *Three Little Pigs*.

The Gigantic Turnip will give us lots of opportunities for exploring vegetables using all of our senses. The children will be chopping them, taking them to pieces, cooking with them and eating them. They will also be replanting our own vegetable garden and looking after the plants as well as learning the story through 3D story maps, re-enacting the story and having a go at making their own story boards.

All this digging will lead us nicely onwards to finding out all about mini beasts. We will be looking at habitats, making our own insect homes, learning lots of new songs, and through exploring clay, make our own mini beasts.

The Three Little Pigs will enable us to put our construction skills to the test by using multiple resources and learning new skills. We will be having a go at using tools (under close supervision!) and having a go at telling our own versions through puppet play and sequencing. We will of course be following the children's own lines of inquiry as well as supporting the children and families with their transition into Big School!

Very exciting!

In our Reception classes the children will be exploring the topic, "Into the Deep". They will be making salt dough and using it to make treasure as well as using natural resources to make transient art pieces. They will be learning sea shanties and performing sea music as well as investigating sinking and floating.

On top of this the children will be learning all about how to stay safe in the water and at the beach and might even meet a real live fisherman if they're lucky! Like the rest of the school, the Reception classes will be involved in lots of lovely creative activities over the *Mazey making* period. They will be creating a winter wonderland to celebrate the outdoors and the changing seasons.

The children will be celebrating their first year at school. Despite the lockdowns and disruptions they have had a fabulous year in Reception and have come such a long way. They will be planning their own celebration by writing invitations, party planning, making new games to play together and even making shopping lists, following recipes and making their own party food - what a lovely way to end their first year at Alverton School!