

### Reading -

In our reading lessons this half term, we will be focusing on the book 'Hansel and Gretel' by Anthony Browne. During our daily reading lessons, we will be practicing and refining a range of different reading skills. The skills include: retrieval, inference, prediction, summarising, clarifying, questioning and improving vocabulary (often by using a dictionary or Thesaurus). All of these skills help the children to become fluent readers with a good understanding of the texts they are reading. We aim to make connections to our books across the curriculum, and the children will take part in a range of thoughtful, effective activities to support their learning.

### Writing -

This half term, we will use our class reading book 'Hansel and Gretel' by Anthony Browne as inspiration for our writing. We will use this text and its wonderful illustrations to support and inspire character descriptions and setting descriptions, which will incorporate precise vocabulary and will encourage the children to be more ambitious with their vocabulary choices. We will then use our knowledge and understanding of the text to retell the story and write our own first person narratives.

Throughout our writing lessons, children will use a range of devices including: persuasive language, rhetorical questions, paragraphs, expanded noun phrases, conjunctions, adverbs, and more. We will also have regular spelling and handwriting lessons, in which children will have the opportunity to learn spelling rules and practice their letter formation.

Hansel and Gretel by Anthony Browne

### Mathematics -

During our first half term in Maths, we will be consolidating our knowledge of Place Value to numbers up to 1000. We will also recap our number bonds to 100. We will also use concrete, pictorial and abstract manipulatives to help us.

We will then move onto addition and subtraction, where we will learn a range of methods to help us solve calculations. We will also be challenging our problem-solving and reasoning skills during this unit, using manipulatives to help us.

### Wider Curriculum -

**Science**— During this half term we will be focusing on lights and shadows. We will be carrying out lots of experiments to explore why we need light and how we protect ourselves from light sources such as the sun.

**History**— In History our topic this half term is 'Pre-historic history.' We will be gathering information and comparing Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will be doing this through a diary entry, drawings and using technology to gather facts.

**French**— In French, we will be learning greetings and conversation skills.

**Art**— Our Art topic this half term is Painting and mixed media. We will be exploring prehistoric art work in a variety of ways and will be creating our very own masterpieces in the prehistoric style.



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### PSHE –

Our PSHE topic for this half term is 'Being Me in My World'. During these lessons, we will complete a range of activities and discussions, as well as regular mindfulness activities.

Y3 – The content of these lessons include: helping others to feel welcome, trying to make our school a better place, thinking about everyone's right to learn, caring about other people's feelings, working well with others, choosing to follow the learning charter.

Y4 – The content of these lessons include: becoming a class team, being a school citizen, rights, responsibilities and democracy, rewards and consequences and creating a learning charter.

### Religious Education -

This half term, we will be learning about nature and will be exploring why nature and the seasons are significant for religion and worldviews.

We will discuss how nature and our personal experiences can shape our worldviews and perceptions.

We will demonstrate our understanding of the topic through a range of ways such as: drawings, discussions, nature walks, practical activities etc.