

As **writers**, we will use our class texts, (Farmer Duck, The tiny seed and The very hungry caterpillar.) to write simple sentences, descriptions and instructions. We will also be holding a sentence.

For **handwriting** we are using the 'Pick and Flip' method to hold our pencil in the correct tripod grip. We are also practising the correct formation of our RWI letters making sure all letters are on the line and of the same size.

As **readers** we, will recognise, write and blend words with the Read, Write, Inc set 1 speed sounds and some set 2. We will also learn to recognise our 'Tricky Red words' by sight.

We will develop our love of reading by sharing stories, creating and acting out events, investigating characters through drama and accessing the reading area.

As **communicators** our children will have many opportunities in their learning, play and social interactions to develop their communication and language skills.



Class Donaldson

Spring 2



Growing and changing

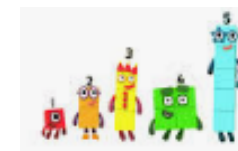
As **mathematicians** we follow the 'Mastering Number Programme' and we will:

Count ordinality and cardinality objects and actions to 20.

Compare numbers and objects using vocabulary 'more than' and 'fewer than'.

Explore the composition of numbers within 10.

Sort objects according to different criteria such as colour, size and function.



As **historians** we will:

Learn about how we change through the human life cycle.

Look at how Brierley has changed over time through photographs of buildings and roads.



In **DT** we will:

Children will explore different foods and be able to identify and explain which is a fruit or vegetable and why.

They will design their own soup before preparing and creating this themselves.



Please make sure that your child has the correct PE kit, which is clearly labelled with his/her name and all jewellery has been removed for our P.E. lessons.

Our PE Day is Tuesday

In **R.E.** we

Our Christian value for this half term is '**forgiveness and compassion**'.

Using lent and the Easter story children will learn about different festivals from around the world. They will discuss Christian festivals they have encountered. Finally, children will walk to our local church and have the opportunity to explore as well as ask questions to our father.

As **scientists** we will:

Be learning all about how plants grow and change with the seasons.

They will learn scientists that study plants are called botanists.

Children will learn what plants need to survive before planting their own runner bean.

Will explore the lifecycle of a plant, frog and butterfly through observation in provision.

Our **Scientific skills** of observation, recording, asking questions and using new vocabulary as we record and talk about our new knowledge, will be developed as we explore the seasons and our beans.



In **Life skills**, we are covering self-regulation: listening and following instructions. Children will learn why it is important to be honest, thoughtful and resilient active listener who can respond to instructions and how they become one.

As **Musicians** we will be listening carefully to and appraising a range of different music. We will be focusing on singing and performing the songs. Old Macdonald, Incy Wincy Spider, Row, Row, Row Your Boat, The Wheels On The Bus and The Hokey Cokey. Children will also have the opportunity to play a glockenspiel. We will explore pulse, rhythm and pitch.

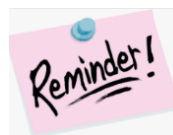
Don't forget...

Homework will be given out on Friday and is to be returned to school the following Wednesday please.

Reading Folders need to be brought to school every day.

Label all children's clothing, in particular jumpers, cardigans and water bottles.

Please don't forget to get in touch if you have any questions. **Thank you!**



How can I help my child?

Read with your child as often as you can. Sharing books will be changed weekly. Ask your child questions about the book you have shared, including characters, events and favourite parts. Remember to explain any words which are unfamiliar to your child.



Practise recognising the letter sounds sent home and put them together to 'Fred Talk' then blend into simple 3 and 4 letter words.

Encourage your child to count objects and look for numbers and shapes in the environment.

Practise the correct formation of letters and numbers, holding a pencil correctly. Children are now writing simple sentences please encourage this.

BBC Numberblocks are a fantastic resource for the children and can be accessed through BBC IPlayer.