Communication and Language We will be learning to:

- Listen carefully and understand why listening is important
- Join in with story-times
- Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding
- Listen carefully to rhymes and songs, paying attention to how they sound
- Learn new vocabulary, such as; Forwards, backwards, below, above, through, around, before, after, big bigger, biggest, thick, thin

Mathematics We will be learning to:

- Use the words first, then, next to describe a sequence of events
- Talk about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Count objects, actions and sounds (1-5)
- Subitise- recognise groups of objects (up to 4) without counting.
- Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value.
- Understand the 'one more than/one less than' relationship between consecutive numbers (1-5)



Our theme for this half term is **People who help us** Through this topic we will be learning to.....

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Personal, Social, Emotional Development We will be learning to:

- Develop our sense of responsibility and membership of a community
- Keep safe- bonfire/ firework safety
- How to contact the emergency services
- Understand and explain how to keep safe online
- Demonstrate an understanding of good screen time habits.
- Persevere when things become difficult
- Work hard to achieve our own
 goals
- Help a partner achieve their goals

These are our general plans which may change as we

follow the interests of the children.

Expressive arts and Design We will be learning to:

- Explore and engage in music making
- Sing new songs
- Explore new artistic effects such as collaging, rubbings and printing
- Work on projects together, sharing resources and ideas
- Listen to and move to music and say how it makes us feel

Physical Development We will be learning to:

• Develop and refine a range of ball skills including: throwing, catching, kicking, passing, and aiming.

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- Use our core muscle strength to achieve a good posture when sitting at a table or sitting on the floor
- Make healthy choices about food drink and activity
- Choose resources to carry out our ideas

Literacy We will be learning to:

- Segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together
- Read simple words
- Read and write tricky red words (I the to)
- Hear, say and write the sounds heard
 in words

Understanding the World We will be learning to:

- Talk about members of our immediate family and community.
- Talk about characters from stories, including figures from the past. (Guy Fawkes, Rama & Sita, Jesus)
- Talk about past and present events that have happened in our lives
- Understand how people celebrate traditions differently. (Diwali, Christmas, birthdays)
- Use objects such as; books, old artefacts and photographs to find out about the past
- Compare objects past and present (Fire engines then and now) to find out about the past

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 Characteristics of Effective Learning The characteristics of teaching and learning underpin learning and development across all areas and support children to be effective and motivated learners. Observations of how children learn are used to enhance the environment and plan future activities to extend the <i>children's</i> learning through play. The three characteristics of effective teaching and learning are: Playing and exploring - children investigate and experience things, and 'have a go' Active learning - children concentrate and keep on trying if they encounter difficulties, and enjoy achievements Creating and thinking critically - children have and develop their own ideas, make links between ideas, and develop strategies for doing things 	 Stories and Songs Rama and Sita story and song The Gunpowder Plot and poem <i>Kipper's Birthday</i> The Nativity Story The Enormous Turnip Christmas songs Firefighter Song Mog and the Vee Ee Tee Non -Fiction People who Help books Biff, Chip and Kipper stories- Going to the hairdresser/ dentist/ optician Story to re-tell and change- The Enormous Turnip 	 Special Events/ Visitors Diwali (12th November) Invite parents into school to talk to the children about Diwali. Bonfire night (5th November) Remembrance Day (11th November) Anti-bullying week (13th-17th November) Children in need (17th November) Christmas Merit assembly Family Fridays Black History month British Values Rule of law We will learn why we have rules and how to follow these rules. We will promote an atmosphere of choice in our classroom. We will learn the vocabulary to support this and understand our actions may have consequences.