



# Puffins



Welcome back after the Half Term break.

Our main topic this half term will be a Literacy-based topic called 'Stories People Tell', based around the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Through English we will explore the narrative form of story-writing, focusing on characters, story structure and drama with a special emphasis on composition and effect. We will look at alternative endings to well known fairytales and write newspaper reports from the viewpoint of a different character, e.g. the wolf!



In Maths, we will be following the National Curriculum, and where appropriate will link this with our topic. This half term we will focus on fractions, measure (length) and solving word problems using the 4 main operations (add, subtract, divide and times)

As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In phonics we will be continuing to follow the Phase 4 Letters and Sounds scheme to support the children's spelling. We will in particular be focusing on adjacent consonants e.g. fl, sp and continuing to learn weekly spelling patterns.
- In PE we will be focusing on ball skills and a dance unit called Magical Friendships which has a clear link to PSHCE. *PE lessons will continue to be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**, although the children need their PE kit in school **EVERY DAY**. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit including a **warm tracksuit** and trainers or plimsolls.*
- In DT we will create a moving scene, using joins and mechanisms. **We would appreciate it if you could bring in boxes of varies sizes.**
- In Geography we will looking at homes focusing on villages, towns and cities.
- In ICT we will be focusing how to use an effective and safe search engine and continuing to talk about how to keep safe on-line,
- In Music we will be exploring musical symbols and creating sound effects using tuned and untuned percussion instruments to help our 'Three pigs' play.
- In Science, we will be learning about plants.
- In PSHCE we will focus on 'Good to be Me' and Road Safety awareness.
- In RE we will focus on what it means to be a Christian and the Christian celebration of Easter.

There will be a 'Drop in session' every other Wednesday from 3:00pm until 3:15pm whilst the children are in assembly. In addition to this, I am always more than happy to have a chat after school.

Our value this half term is forgiveness.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable and inspiring half term,

*Mrs Sarah Brown.*