

## 'Let's Make It' Spring Term 1 Topic For EYFS

This half term the teaching focus will be on **Materials** and our Talk for Writing text is *The Three Little Pigs*.

### Forest Schools

This half term we will be introducing the children to Forest Schools, a whole school initiative. We will be visiting the Common as well as carrying out activities at school. This will promote learning in the outdoors and a greater appreciation of the natural environment.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Opportunities to engage in imaginative play will be linked to our story focus. This will include building dens and houses. Children will make characters from the story of *The Three Little Pigs* using a range of media materials.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will focus on our Whole-School **Happy Hearts** theme where children will have opportunities to describe their own and others' feelings. They will discuss their interests in and out of school and talk about their abilities in a positive way, for example, what am I good at?

### Mathematics

Maths will focus on consolidating Number skills learnt last term and develop these further with larger numbers. Children will also learn about length, weight and money, using comparative language to describe the properties of objects. There will be a focus on using positional language in everyday contexts.

### Communication and Language

Our curriculum will continue to have a strong focus on speaking and listening. These skills will be developed through drama activities including retelling stories, hot seating and acting out stories using masks and puppets. Children will have the opportunity to respond to a range of questions and extend their conversational skills by asking relevant questions. Specific vocabulary will be taught linked to our topic.

### Physical Development

PE lessons for this half term will continue to be taught by our specialist PE coach. The focus will be on developing ball skills such as throwing, catching, rolling and kicking. We will continue to develop fine motor skills through activities such as cutting, drawing, threading, using playdough and practising correct letter and numeral formation.

### Understanding the World

Activities will be planned where the children can use different materials and identify their properties. We will look at changes that occur to materials. For example, how water turns to ice/steam and back to water. **ICT** will provide children with opportunities to use Beebots to develop their understanding of positional language. Children will also use laptops and Ipads to use simple computer programs.

### Literacy

Our story -telling focus will be *The Three Little Pigs*. This will support various writing tasks, for example adding captions to pictures from the story. Children will discuss and compare different versions of the same story. Daily phonic sessions will continue using **Letters and Sounds**. Letter sounds and *tricky words* to practise will be sent home regularly.