

Literacy The children are starting the term settling into their Read Write Inc Phonics groups. We are enriching their literacy skills through our history, science D&T and Art lessons. We will be looking at stories about unusual babies and comparing the main characters to their younger selves, *Baby Brains* by Simon James, *Once There Were Giants* by Martin Waddell. In DT we will look at *The Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flourney. This story is about a Grandma who collect memories to create a beautiful quilt for her granddaughter. The children will be learning to verbally retell these stories and write sensible simple sentences about what we are learning in different areas of the curriculum.

Art / DT

The children will be thinking working together and joining fabric to create our own patchwork quilt like the story we will look at called the *Patchwork Quilt* by Valerie Flourney. We will also look at how to draw a self-portrait in Art.

PSHCE

The children we will learning about new beginnings, setting ourselves targets and learning how to work as part of an effective team.

Computing

We are looking at how to keep safe online and how to keep our information safe.

PE

We will be learning lots of fun and exciting playground games which will help the children improve their agility. They will also be working with Miss Hannah with our dancing skills.

Marvellous Me!

Maths To start the year we will be refining our counting skills, we will be ordering our numbers to 20 and counting backwards to zero. We will be learning to count in steps of 2 and 10. As well as being able to recognise larger two digit numbers. We will also find out about some of the symbols used in maths and we will use these to add and take away 1 from a number. After our number work we will take a closer look at 2D and 3D shapes. We will learn to name circle, triangles, squares and rectangles as well as spheres, cubes, cuboids and pyramids. We will be spotting shapes in our classroom, school and local area.

Topaz and Amber Autumn 1.1

Geography

We will discover more about our local area. Using and making plans of the classroom, looking at maps and planning a route.

RE In religious education we will be discussing belonging and where in Failsworth we belong. We will be finding out how some people choose to belong to the Christian church.

Science

In science the children will then find out about their bodies, their senses, how their senses work and will discover lots of interesting facts about their bodies. We will look at keeping our bodies clean and healthy too!