**Expressive Arts & Design**

Children will explore art works by Giuseppe Arcimboldo. Children will also explore colour, and how colour can be used to represent the seasons. They will listen to a range of music from a variety of genres, they will explore pitch. They will also explore a range of instruments and how these can be used to create/change dynamics and tempo.

**Understanding the World**

Children will be learning about some famous scientists from the past through a range of stories. They will be exploring the country of Italy and how it is similar and different from where they live. Children will be exploring how the seasons are different.

**Mathematics**

Children will be exploring numbers to 10 and using these to add and subtract. They will be working on recognising and representing number bonds for and within 10. Children will be learning about the days of the week. They will also be exploring more complex patterns.

**Communication & Language**

Children will listen and discuss stories to build their familiarity and understanding of stories and their features. Children will describe events in details. They will practise connecting one idea to another using a range of connectives. Children will articulate ideas and thoughts in well formed sentences.

**Literacy**

Children will listen and discuss a range of Fairy and traditional tales. They will also take part in daily phonics sessions to develop their phonic skills, and letter/sound recognition. Children will also practise their phonic skills for reading, and read simple words and later captions/sentences. They will also be introduced to common exception words, and will start to practise their recognition and spelling of these.

**Physical Development**

We will be developing children’s fine motor skills, and focusing on correct pencil grip and forming both lower and upper case letters clearly. Children will also be developing their skills when using scissors and other tools, including cooking utensils and clay/play-dough tools.

In PE sessions we will be looking at developing children’s balance, and co-ordination skills. We will exploring different ways of moving.

**Personal, Social, Emotional Education**

This term we will be focusing on our emotions and how we can share and respond to these appropriately. We will also be thinking about our sense of self and belonging and what make us special. Children will also be thinking about their positive attributes and set goals for the future.

**Phonics**

Children will focus on the following sounds this term:

Children will be using the sounds already taught and focusing on using these for reading and spelling.

Children will practise the following common exception words:

to, the, no, go, so, I, he, she, we, me, be, was, you, my, they, here, all, are.

Children will bring home individualised flash cards for the sounds and words they are practising in school.

Children will be given sound and word cards and it is beneficial if these can be practised at home as well as in school. Once children are secure in some sounds and words they will also be given two reading books, one will be phonics based and will be the one used in school for individual reading, to help develop fluency it will be read at least 3 times before being changed, the other book children may need a little help with as it may contain words or sounds not yet covered in phonic/reading sessions. Children will be expected to complete the before/after reading activities in the phonics based books. On seesaw further activities to support children’s phonics and maths skills will be updated each week. Children will be given a blank book to complete these activities in but can be completed in other ways if this is easier. You can also use seesaw to send messages, ask questions directly to me, messages are only seen by myself, when uploading children’s work/photos/videos etc, they will not be seen by any one else unless approved by me. You will not see other children’s activities unless your child was involved. If you have any questions, concerns, etc you can also email me at misswadsworth@south-stoke.oxon.sch.uk

Home & Away Spring 2

EYFS: Reception