

## Foundation Stage Topic Web Newsletter

Class/Year: \_\_\_Reception\_\_\_\_\_

Term: \_\_\_Spring 1\_\_\_\_\_

### Introduction to topic/theme:

This half term we will be looking at the topic 'Over the rainbow' and 'Let's play'. This is a wide-ranging topic that offers children lots of opportunity to draw connections between old toys and new toys. Through it, we will learn more about similarities and differences about the old toys and new toys.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Introduction to Reflection Time at the end of each day.
- Managing our behaviour and conflicts to find peaceful resolutions.
- Discussions about healthy eating. - Healthy Lifestyle Day - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January
- Children's Mental Health Week - Monday 5th February – Sunday 11th February.

### Physical Development

- Finger gym activities to continue to help us develop fine motor skills.
- Manipulating malleable materials to create models of toys.
- Continuing with developing our ball skills – control, throwing and catching, collecting and stopping etc.

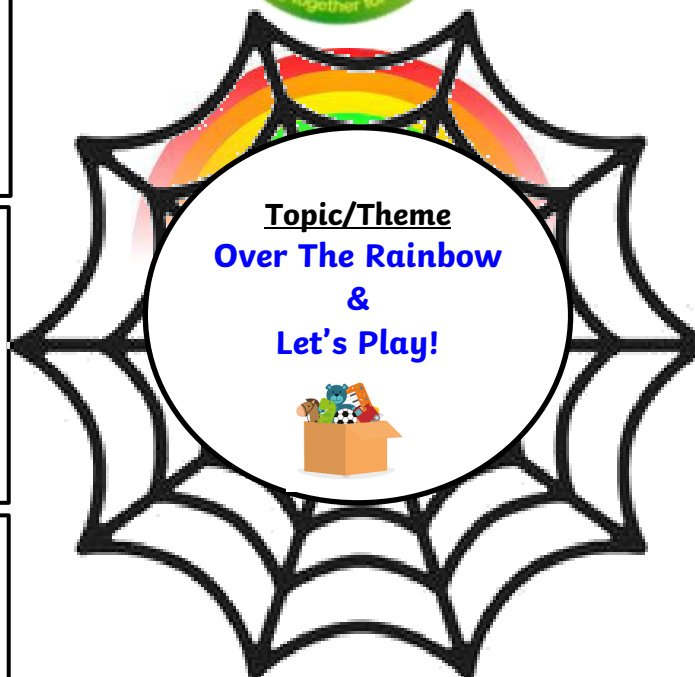
### Expressive Arts and Design

- Observational drawings of nocturnal animals.
- Design and make our toy models.
- Design and create our own toys.
- Dressing up in and taking on a role in the toy shop role play area.

### Homework & PE

Children will be sent homework every Friday. Please complete and return the completed homework by the following Friday.

- Cherry Class PE will be every Wednesday.
- Oak Class PE will be every Monday.



### Communication, Language & Literacy

Our key texts for the half term are below. We will focus more on recalling, sequencing and retelling stories. We will be drawing nocturnal animals and labelling them, focusing on recording sounds in words. We will also draw our favourite toys on a toy box template and label them, focusing on recording sounds in words and record our toy wish lists!



### Mathematics

- Representing numbers
- Learning to recognise the number of objects in a small group without the need to count them (Subitise)
- Comparing numbers and amounts
- Making pairs and combing groups
- Bonds to 5
- Comparing mass and capacity
- Learning about length and height
- NSPCC Numbers Day - Friday 2nd February.

### Understanding the World

Children will be learning about the role of key workers in helping us stay safe and learn about internet safety. We will continue to observe seasonal changes and will also be learning about celebrations such as Chinese New Year (Year of the Dragon), Valentine's Day and Shrove Tuesday. We will discuss how to keep fit and healthy and how to look after our bodies, bones and teeth! Children will begin to join in with the Toothbrushing Programme and consider ways in which they can improve their diets and overall wellbeing.

### Ideas to try at home

- Choose a nocturnal animal and use books and the Internet to learn more facts about them. Create a fact sheet about the nocturnal animals.
- Help your child to discuss and draw their favourite toys and make a list!
- Discuss recycling and how we can do this to help our environment.
- Use junk modelling resources (lids, boxes, bottles etc.) to create a toy with your child.
- Visit a toy museum/science museum to look at toys from the past and tell your child which toys you played with.
- Bake with your child and use this as an opportunity to discuss weight and measurements.