

This topic focuses on children's curiosity and knowledge about exploration, travel and discovery. Children will:

- Use their senses and imaginations to explore the world around them, both close to home and further afield
- Follow maps and plans using directional and positional language
- Make our own maps and plans
- Look at how we travel from one place to another

## Mathematics

This term we will be consolidating the skills children have already learnt and extending them further. As mathematicians, we will be:

- Counting in a variety of ways e.g. forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s
- Counting on and back in order to complete addition and subtraction problems
- Reading and solving word problems

## Literacy

As communicators, we will be listening with increasing attention to each other and expressing our ideas in response. We will be learning new words and practising using them correctly in sentences.

As readers we will be recognising and blending a variety of sounds in words. We will be sharing and discussing a range of texts including stories, poems and recipes.

As writers we will be practising segmenting the sounds within a word and spelling key words.

## **Supporting at Home:**

Thank you for supporting your children with their learning at home. Further ideas include:

- Using websites to play games. We recommend Topmarks, ICT games and Cbeebies
- Providing opportunities to gain upper body strength and develop important muscles e.g. balancing, hanging from monkey bars and climbing
- Visiting the local park or going for a nature walk
- Using playing cards - one player turns over two cards and adds them together, the next player does the same and the person with the highest score is the winner.
- Making a number track using cut up cards, then muddle the order of the numbers. Can your child identify which numbers are in the wrong places?
- Ask your child to hide their favourite toy in the house, can they draw a map to help you find it?