

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term our theme for circle time is Good to be me.

We will focus on making relationships. We will encourage children to seek out others to share experiences to play in a group and keep play going by responding to what others do and say. We will become increasingly confident to select and use activities and resources and be confident to talk to others about home and community.

### Literacy

Our topic this term is based around stories and rhymes both traditional and modern. We will solve a problem the Queen of Hearts has. We will use stories about The Three Bears to help us solve the case of who has trashed the cottage? Winnie the Witch also has a case for us to solve and so does Hairy Mclairy. All these stories will be read and discussed this term.

We will use our writing to write out clues labels and posters in our role as detectives.

### Creative Development

Our role play will grow over the term and it will start with the Queen of Hearts kitchen As we open a new case each week a new role play area will be created to help us solve the case – Ask your child to show you each week!

We will use paint in different ways and explore colour mixing in an unusual way.

We will need to construct various dens, caves and walls this term – both inside and out using a range of materials.

We will use movement and music to help retell and make up our own stories, and listen to some classical music and talk about how it makes us feel.

### Communication and Language

Through our topic on Acorn Detectives we will use questions such as why, who what and where to solve cases. There will be talk to decide what has happened and what we can try next.

We will need to listen carefully to stories and be able to recall them. As detectives we will respond to instructions and understand how and why questions. We will need to use our talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and what might happen next.

We can use our language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences.

Our letters and sounds this term is focused on rhyming words.

### Mathematics

As detectives we will need to solve simple problems and this includes math's problems.

We will continue to recognise and name numerals throughout the term. As detectives we will need to write down numbers by representing numbers through marks or maybe by writing numerals. Shapes will be explored through clues and having to look for shapes in the environment

### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

We will begin our topic by finding out what a detective is and what he/she does. We will need to look closely at 'clues' perhaps using a magnifying glass. We will explore our own finger prints to help us look for clues and use paint to help us create our own finger print pictures. We will need to talk about some of the things we have observed such as natural and found objects. We will make our own magic potions from natural objects such as feather, stones and shells. – We will continue to grow in confidence when using I pads, cameras and the computer. We will talk about Easter being the start of new life and celebrate Mothers day.

### Physical Development

We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through activities such as threading, drawing, writing and building and cutting with scissors.

We will use our gross motor skills to balance and jump and build and learn how to use and transport equipment safely.

Our pencil control continues to develop through writing and drawing and painting.

We continue to explore different ways of moving through our story telling and music.

