# Communication and language

There will be a focus on developing the children's story telling skills. They will be encouraged to retell stories they have heard as well as make up and tell their own.

The children will be encouraged to use the correct tense as they share their ideas and experiences and answer questions.

The children will learn even more new vocabulary that they will be expected to use independently in new situations.

# Physical development

Through the theme 'Transport', we will continue to focus on the fundamental skills of running, jumping, hopping, catching and throwing. The children will be pleased to know that we will be using the big apparatus again!

There will once again be a big focus on handwriting. All our letters begin at the top and we have to remember not to take our pencil off the paper until we have finished the letter.

We will be developing our scissor skills by using them to cut different materials and shapes.

## Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue to explore why rules are important, as well as the part they play in making our class community a happy and safe place to be.

Expressing how they are feeling and knowing how to calm themselves down when they are feeling angry will be a focus this term.

They will learn about keeping themselves safe by learning how to cross the road safely. Reception Spring 2 Let's go on an adventure



### Literacy

Our literacy this term has a space theme. The children will begin by revising how non-fiction books are organised as well as using them to gather information. They will use what they have learnt to write their own leaflet about space.

The children will then go on to develop their understanding of how stories are structured with a beginning, middle and an end through the fictional story, 'The blue balloon'.

In phonics, the majority of the children will continue with Phase Three of Letters and Sounds that involves two or more letters making one sound. For example ai, ee and oa. Some children will continue to consolidate Phase 2.

They are encouraged to apply their reading and writing skills independently both indoors and outdoors. In the café, for example they will be able to read menus and write orders.

#### **Mathematics**

The children will continue to practise counting to 20 and developing their understanding of patterns in numbers.

The children will learn how to use objects to solve addition and subtraction sums. They will also be expected to recall the addition facts for the number 5. Eg 3 + 2 = 5

Halving and doubling is another area of maths that the children will be exploring.

### Understanding the world

This term we will be learning about vehicles from the past including the first rocket that went into space. We will be thinking about how vehicles have changed over time.

The children will be learning about forces including the wind. We will be making kites to investigate this.

Through stories, we will identify the features of different environments and compare them to where we live.

In RE, the children will be learning more about the Christian faith.

## Expressive arts and design

The children will be using junk materials to make a vehicle to go on an adventure in.

In music, we will be learning new songs, as well as exploring pitch, rhythm and pulse. We will be learning how to play two notes on the glockenspiels!

The children love making cups of tea so we have a café this term that I know they will really enjoy.