



# Reception Curriculum Overview

## English

This half term we will be reading a non-fiction text about Africa. We will also read Handa's Surprise and food poetry. When reading at home can you make actions alongside the texts?

We will imitate and innovate these stories, and begin to create our own versions. What new stories can you make at home? Can you make story maps and retell your stories to your family and friends?

## Physical Development

This term we will continue to explore different ways of moving and balancing. We will play lots of team games, and build up our ability to follow instructions and work cooperatively with our classmates.

Can you practise balancing and moving in different ways at home?

## Maths

This half term we will extend our number recognition and formation. We will also develop our number skills, and begin to learn concepts of halving and doubling. Can you share and double objects around your house?

We will also begin to compare weights, lengths and heights of different objects, and how we can use this knowledge in everyday life. Can you put your family and friends in height order?

## Expressive Arts and Design

During this half term we will be inspired by Handa's Surprise, and create African art works including animal masks.

Throughout this term we will use natural objects to make free-standing artwork of the world around us, and develop our designing skills.

What can you bake or cook at home for Handa to eat? Can you design, make and evaluate something for your friends and family?

## Understanding the World

This half term we will focus on food and consider its properties, how our eating habits have changed over time, and most importantly what different foods taste like!

We will also be investigating life in Africa, Chinese New Year, and our ancestors.

What special traditions do your family celebrate? Do you have any famous or special ancestors in your family?

## Communication and Language

This half term we are learning story language to tell our own stories. We are also learning to listen to our classmates and to be considerate of their opinions.

Can you pass a story around a circle?

# Are carrots orange?

## Spring term 1