



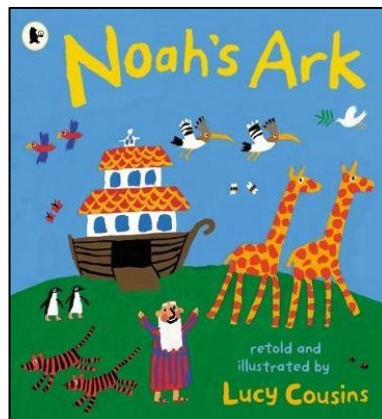
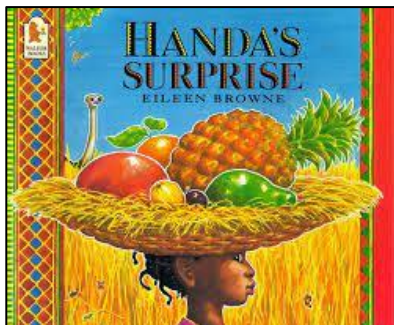
What is my child learning this half term?

Literacy and Phonics

Our focus this half term will be **"Our World."** We will be reading a wide variety of stories for enjoyment, as well as stories that give us a window into the world around us. These include *Walking through the Jungle*, *Sharing a Shell*, *Noah's Ark*, *Handa's Surprise* and *Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer*.

We will continue learning our letter sounds and practising blending them together to read simple words and phrases.

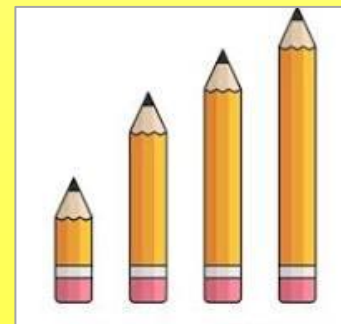
Please try to read and share books with your child every day. Our **'Favourite Stories'** can be accessed and listened to via the school website at bsl.leeds.sch.uk. Simply visit the **Early Years** page.



Maths

We will be ordering numbers and number shapes up to 10. The children will be learning how to make numbers by adding more objects or taking some away to make the correct amount. We will also be using and learning the vocabulary **'one more'** and **'one less'**.

We will be comparing the lengths of different objects and investigating weight and balance. You could practise this at home by holding an object in each hand and deciding which object is the heaviest.





Role Play Area

This half term, our role-play area will be a **travel area**. Children will have the opportunity to explore globes and maps to choose a holiday destination. They will write passports and tickets and enjoy packing their suitcases!

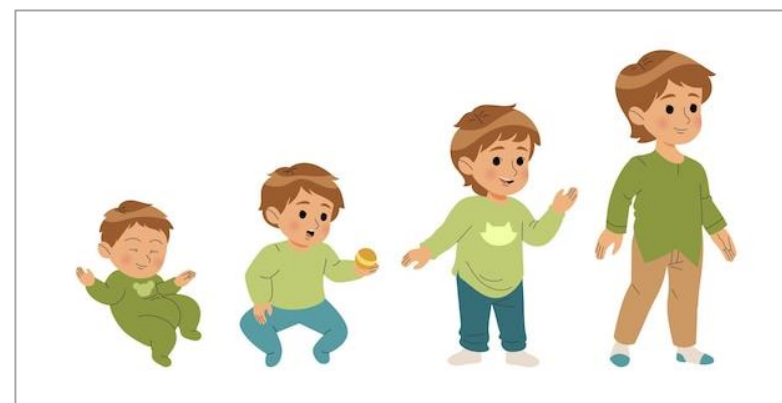
You could support this learning at home by talking with your child about any trips or holidays you have been on together. Do you have any photographs you could look at and share with them?



Circle Time

Our topic this half term is **“Knowing and Understanding Myself and Setting Realistic Goals.”** During this time, we will be thinking about how we have changed since we were babies and the many things we can do now that we couldn’t do when we were very little.

We will work together to set a **class goal** for the half term and support one another as we try to achieve it. As part of this learning, we will be developing our **resilience**, practising how to keep trying when things feel tricky and learning how to cope with setbacks.



PE: Ball Skills

The children will be using different parts of their bodies to control balls of different sizes. They will then move on to working as part of a team to play simple ball games. We will be practising throwing and catching skills.

You could support this learning at home by practising throwing and catching with your child. Do you have any balls you could use together?

RE and Collective Worship

We will be learning about how God created the world and exploring the different days of Creation. We will set ourselves a challenge to proactively look after the world that God created.

You could support this learning at home by talking about recycling. Do you have recycling bins at home? Perhaps you could sort some rubbish together with your child and put it into the correct bin.



Topic

The topic this half term is **“Our World.”** We will be using the globe and Google Maps to explore different parts of our world, looking at land and oceans. We will also be focusing on the weather, how it changes with the seasons, and how different parts of the world experience different weather.

We will be learning about animals that live in a range of habitats and thinking about how we can look after our world by recycling and reusing. We will also explore our local area and learn about the different amenities around us.

To enhance our learning, we will be welcoming a visitor who will bring along a selection of animals for the children to see, including a tortoise, stick insects and an armadillo.



Music

The children take part in weekly singing sessions where they are learning to sing melodies using the correct tune. They also have a weekly music lesson with Sophie, during which they play a range of instruments and practise performing.

In the classroom, the children have opportunities to perform on the Reception stage and to respond to music in their own way. You could support this learning at home by singing together—do you have any favourite songs you enjoy singing as a family?

Vocabulary for this half term

Weather: weather, sunshine, cloudy, rain, snow, wind

Our Country: United kingdom, capital city, London, home, city, Leeds, England

Our World: autumn, winter, countries, mountains, rivers, lakes, desert, ocean, forests, land, sea, globe, planet earth

Looking after our World: recycle, pollution, litter.

Please use these words with your child when asking them about what they have been learning in school.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. We hope you find the information helpful. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher. If you have any comments or suggestions for future newsletters, please share them with a member of staff.

