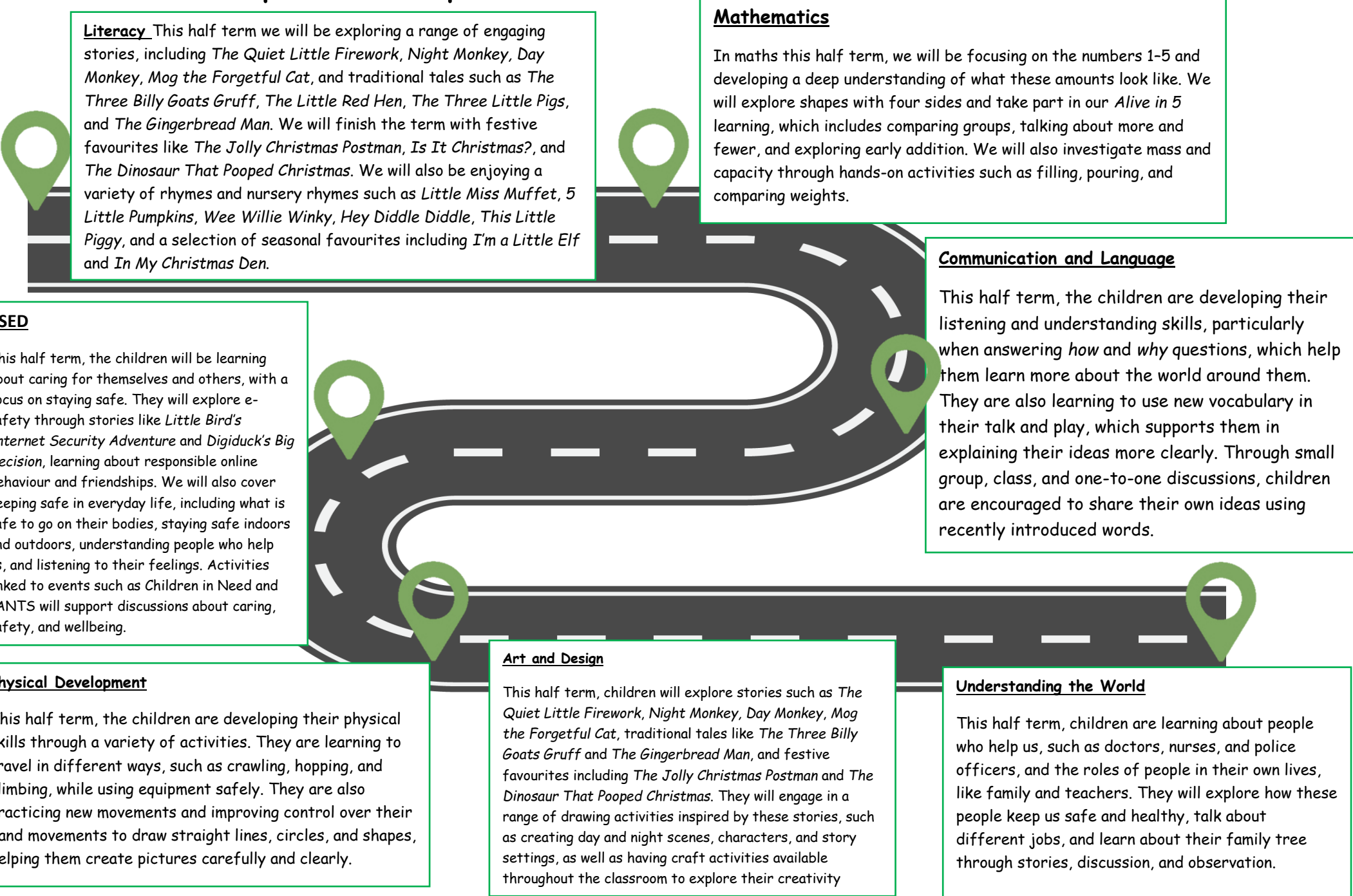


Curriculum Map for Reception



Literacy This half term we will be exploring a range of engaging stories, including *The Quiet Little Firework*, *Night Monkey*, *Day Monkey*, *Mog the Forgetful Cat*, and traditional tales such as *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, *The Little Red Hen*, *The Three Little Pigs*, and *The Gingerbread Man*. We will finish the term with festive favourites like *The Jolly Christmas Postman*, *Is It Christmas?*, and *The Dinosaur That Pooped Christmas*. We will also be enjoying a variety of rhymes and nursery rhymes such as *Little Miss Muffet*, *5 Little Pumpkins*, *Wee Willie Winky*, *Hey Diddle Diddle*, *This Little Piggy*, and a selection of seasonal favourites including *I'm a Little Elf* and *In My Christmas Den*.

Mathematics

In maths this half term, we will be focusing on the numbers 1-5 and developing a deep understanding of what these amounts look like. We will explore shapes with four sides and take part in our *Alive in 5* learning, which includes comparing groups, talking about more and fewer, and exploring early addition. We will also investigate mass and capacity through hands-on activities such as filling, pouring, and comparing weights.

Communication and Language

This half term, the children are developing their listening and understanding skills, particularly when answering *how* and *why* questions, which help them learn more about the world around them. They are also learning to use new vocabulary in their talk and play, which supports them in explaining their ideas more clearly. Through small group, class, and one-to-one discussions, children are encouraged to share their own ideas using recently introduced words.

PSED

This half term, the children will be learning about caring for themselves and others, with a focus on staying safe. They will explore e-safety through stories like *Little Bird's Internet Security Adventure* and *Digiduck's Big Decision*, learning about responsible online behaviour and friendships. We will also cover keeping safe in everyday life, including what is safe to go on their bodies, staying safe indoors and outdoors, understanding people who help us, and listening to their feelings. Activities linked to events such as Children in Need and PANTS will support discussions about caring, safety, and wellbeing.

Physical Development

This half term, the children are developing their physical skills through a variety of activities. They are learning to travel in different ways, such as crawling, hopping, and climbing, while using equipment safely. They are also practicing new movements and improving control over their hand movements to draw straight lines, circles, and shapes, helping them create pictures carefully and clearly.

Art and Design

This half term, children will explore stories such as *The Quiet Little Firework*, *Night Monkey*, *Day Monkey*, *Mog the Forgetful Cat*, traditional tales like *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and *The Gingerbread Man*, and festive favourites including *The Jolly Christmas Postman* and *The Dinosaur That Pooped Christmas*. They will engage in a range of drawing activities inspired by these stories, such as creating day and night scenes, characters, and story settings, as well as having craft activities available throughout the classroom to explore their creativity.

Understanding the World

This half term, children are learning about people who help us, such as doctors, nurses, and police officers, and the roles of people in their own lives, like family and teachers. They will explore how these people keep us safe and healthy, talk about different jobs, and learn about their family tree through stories, discussion, and observation.