

This term, our topics **Big World**, **Little Explorers** and **Sun, Sand and Suitcases** will encourage children to



explore the wider world and share their own experiences of holidays and travel. We will enjoy seaside themes and imaginative pirate adventures to support storytelling, creativity and language development.



Alongside this, we will continue learning about growth by planting and caring for our own vegetables, helping children observe changes over time. We will also explore lifecycles, developing an understanding of how plants, animals and living things grow.

Communication and Language

This term, through our topics, we will focus on developing children's communication and listening skills. Children will be encouraged to listen carefully and follow instructions, even when engaged in play, and to show good active listening by sitting attentively, making eye contact and responding appropriately. We will support them in asking 'why' questions to deepen their understanding and curiosity. Children will have opportunities to articulate their ideas in well-formed sentences, describe events in detail using sequencing words, and use new vocabulary confidently across different contexts.

Literacy

We continue to follow the Read Write Inc phonics programme to build strong early reading and writing skills. This term we will focus on:

- recognising and forming letters,
- sounding out simple words,
- practising reading and writing in fun, meaningful ways.

This term, children will develop language, reading and writing through stories and topics. They will ask "why" questions, re-read books and learn new vocabulary. Children will retell stories using key phrases. In writing, they will begin simple sentences, use capital letters and full stops, re-read work, and write topic words.



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EYFS — Reception

Welcome to the EYFS Reception Curriculum Newsletter. This is a summary of the learning planned for the Spring Term.

If you have any concerns about your child's learning please contact Mrs Dutton directly, in the first instance.

Maths

We continue to follow the mastery approach meaning all children learn together at the same pace, with support for those who need it and challenges for those ready to explore more deeply.

This term, children will continue to develop their counting skills, including counting larger sets, actions and sounds. They will explore different ways to represent numbers, such as using a 10-frame, and learn how doubles can be arranged within it. Children will compare quantities and numbers, including sets with different attributes, and develop a sense of magnitude, noticing the difference between numbers like 2, 4 and 8. They will begin to understand 'one more' and 'one less' within 10, practise subitising, and use tools like a rekenrek to support their conceptual understanding.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term, children will develop independence, social skills and emotional understanding through our topics. Children will begin to choose their own activities and resources, completing tasks independently. They will learn to recognise right and wrong and explain why, discuss characters' feelings in stories and relate them to their own experiences, and start to understand and manage their own feelings. They will also begin to reflect on how learning and routines may change in Year 1.

Physical Development

This term, children will develop fundamental movement skills through athletics and ball games. They will practice jumping, running, throwing, sending and receiving balls, and hitting targets. Children will also refine fine motor skills, using the three-finger grip for writing and adding detail and accuracy to their drawings.

Our PE days are Thursday and Friday. Please ensure our child's PE kit is in school and earring are removed.

Religious Education

This term, children will learn why the church is special and how Christians worship through music, prayer, drama, art, and Bible stories. They will meet a chaplain to learn about worship and community work, and explore St Michael's to identify signs and symbols in the church.

Understanding the World

This term, children will draw maps of the school, learn about different religions and visit two places of worship. They will complete observational fish drawings, explore the underwater environment, use technologies like iPads and music players, listen to fairy tales, and learn about famous pirates in history.

Expressive Arts and Design

This term, children will explore creativity through Forest School flower pictures, resistance painting, and making their own printing tools. They will re-enact stories using key phrases and learn to perform a Pirate's Sea Shanty, combining music, movement, and storytelling.

Diary Dates

01.05.26– Forest School

05.05.26–Come Dine with Me

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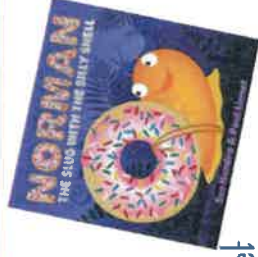


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Core Story Picture Books –Summer Term

Norman The slug with
the silly shell



by
Sue Hendra & Paul Linnet



Pirates Love Underpants

by
Claire Freeman & Ben Cort



The Singing Mermaid

by
Julia Donaldson & Lydia Manks



Superworm

by
Julia Donaldson

Core Maths Picture Books –Summer Term

Centipede's
100 Shoes



Centipede's
100 Shoes

by
Tony Ross



One Is a Snail Ten
Is a Crab

by
April Pulley Sayre &
Randy Cecil

The Bad-Tempered Ladybird

by Eric Carle

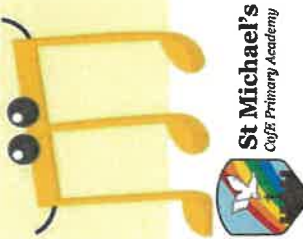
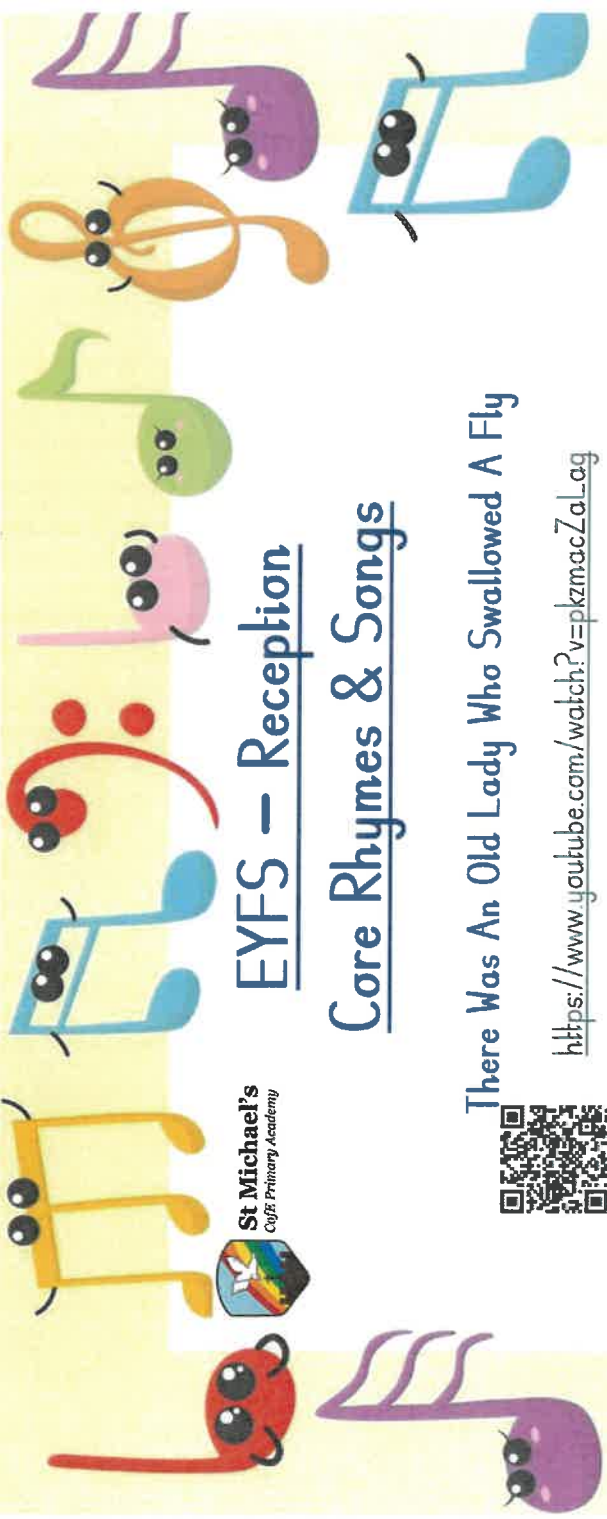
The Bad-Tempered Ladybird
Eric Carle



How Many Legs?

by Kes Gray & Jim Field

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Core Rhymes & Songs

There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pkzmacZaLag>

Incy Wincy Spider



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zr4yt39>

There's A Tiny Caterpillar On A Leaf



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0lbSEOCmNM>

Wiggly Wao



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zvj8gwx>

The Big Ship Sails On The Ally Ally Oh



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zkpp7nb>

When I Was One, I Sucked My Thumb



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zhbyt39>

I'm A Pirate

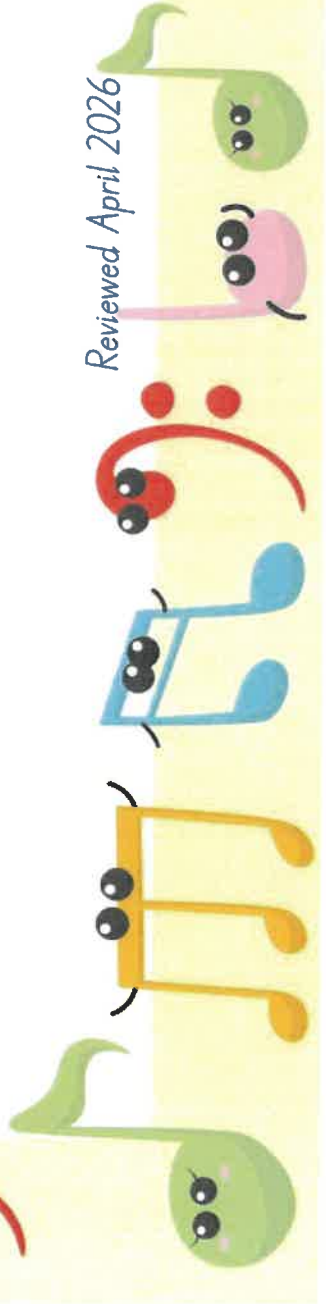


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9zWefvt6yIQ>

Going To The Seaside



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HKulaaROJ8>



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