

## Maths

We are great mathematicians in Owls and this half term we will be working on recognising numbers, subitising and looking at the composition of these numbers. We will consolidate our number knowledge within 10, once our knowledge to 5 is strong. We will also be exploring length and capacity through a range of play opportunities. Water and sand play can be a great way to introduce the mathematical language around measurement.

## Literacy

Did you know..we are amazing in Owls! This half term we are learning all about how fabulous we all are. Our two special books are 'Amazing' and 'My Hair'. These books explore the strengths we have, what our differences are and what makes us special. We will celebrate all the children in Owls and what makes us all amazing. In phonics we will be continuing to work our way through our Little Wandle programme. Some children are working on phase 2 and some children are accessing the foundations for phonics.

## Key Dates:

- Freshwater Theatre Company (18.01.24)
- Maths Enterprise Prize Week (29.01.24 – 02.02.24)
- NSPCC Number Day (02.02.24)
- Children's Mental Health Week (05.02.24- 09.02.24)
- Family Consultations (05.02.24 and 07.02.24)

## Expressive Art and Design

We love telling stories and taking on different characters in the role play area. We will continue to develop our skills to help us to extend storylines in our imaginative play. As well as role play, we will be working on our collaborative art skills developing our drawing and mark making skills. We also have a selection of musical instruments that we will explore and use to accompany our singing.

## Communication and Language

As well as working on our speech and language targets, we will also be trying hard to learn a range of new vocabulary. The vocabulary will be linked to the stories we share in class. We have started the half term off learning about the word 'amazing'. Can you use this word at home? Maybe you can tell a family member why they are amazing. We are also focussing on questions, both asking and answering them.



## Owls- Spring 1 Superstar Me



## Personal Social and Emotional Development

In PSHE we will be learning about our dreams and goals. This works well alongside our books we are reading which are all about how we are superstars! We will be learning about how to try new things. We know it can be tricky to try things that we haven't done before, but we cannot become experts until we try our best and learn new skills and knowledge. Turn taking and sharing are also targets that we are working on. Maybe you can try playing some turn taking games at home?

## Understanding the World

This half term in Owls we will be looking at the changing seasons, talking about what we see and using our senses to explore the nature around us. We will be talking about what we see, using new vocabulary and sentences. Our books are all about why we are superstars and so we will be developing positive attitudes about the differences in people and celebrating these differences. We will also be looking at how our families are amazing and the people around us. We will also be exploring Shrove Tuesday, Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.

## Physical Development

We will continue to develop our fine and gross motor skills each day by taking part in a range of activities to support these skills. These will range from painting on the large easels, using large chalk to draw and write on the playground floor, climbing apparatus to threading beads and cutting with scissors. We will also be joining in PE sessions with our wonderful PE coach where we will be learning to listen to instructions and develop our physical skills. We will access a range of equipment including wall bars and balance beams. We will be working on our balance and coordination too. You can develop your fine and gross motor skills at home too. Will you draw a picture, help with the gardening or even hang out the washing? It all counts!