

# Reeth and Gunnerside Schools

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## Communication and Language

We will continue to use stories as inspiration for our learning; using new vocabulary, connecting ideas and describing what we have found out in our own words.



This half term, we will learn about the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk, as well as exploring books about dragons: Tell Me a Dragon, The Egg and Marmaduke, the Very Different Dragon.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will use stories to help us think about events from the perspective of others. We will also talk about and celebrate what makes us special.



In RE this term we will be thinking about special times, as well as deepening our understanding of the Easter festival and why it is an important time for Christians.

## Physical Development

In our PE lessons, we will develop our successful work on the benches and will go on to explore the large apparatus.

We will provide plenty of opportunities to develop fine motor control and finger strength; playdough disco, threading, nuts and bolts and box poking!



## Second Half Spring Term 2023

### Early Years

### Our Project: Dragons and Magic



## Literacy

Our Reception children have now learnt all of their phase 2 and 3 sounds, and will now consolidate their learning by reading longer words and sentences. They will also be encouraged to write more independently.



We will encourage our nursery children to develop their mark making and to begin to practise writing their name and letters.

## Mathematics

We will further develop our understanding of number by looking at number bonds to 10, and will consolidate our recognition of numerals to 10 and beyond.



We will begin to learn about 3D shapes and will explore more complex patterns.

## Understanding the World

This half term we will be busy planting and learning about how plants grow and what they need to survive.

We are looking forward to spring and learning about baby animals and life cycles.



## Expressive Arts and Design

As the season changes into spring, we will continue to develop our representational drawing ability by making studies of flowers and buds using a range of media and techniques. We will also be sure to make some super dragon art!

We are really enjoying exploring the percussion instruments and we will now start to fine tune our skills by learning how to keep a beat.

## Helping at home

Please continue to read your Reception child's reading book as often as possible - practise makes perfect! Sharing stories is important too and library books will continue to come home every week.

Encourage independence at home with a few simple tasks, such as laying the table or helping with the washing by turning clothes the right way round (also great for arm and finger strength) and putting them away.