

## Our Summer 1 Topic

The topic for this half-term is called ***A Lucky Escape and a Happy Ending***. It is all about story book characters, the language of stories and averted disasters.

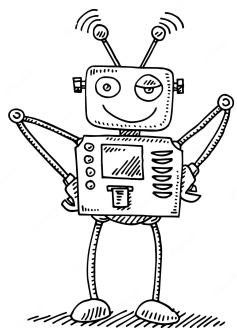


Through a series of related stories (Fast Fox and Slow Dog) we will encounter some traditional roles of good characters and bad characters. We will learn rich, new language such as problem, catastrophe, and disaster. We will also enjoy a few wonderful story books with near misses such as the Preston Pig series.

# Summer

## Our Summer 2 Topic

The topic for Summer 2 is called ***Robot Rumpus***. As the name suggests, it is all about robots.



This topic is designed to support learning in the area of Understanding the World, particularly technology.

Through fun stories and non-fiction we will look at what a robot is and we will provide opportunities to plan and build robots out of all kinds of construction kits as well as unwanted packaging materials and boxes. We will be exploring machines and devices that help us.

## Personal, Social & Emotional

We will be helping any *new* children to settle in. We will continue to focus on independence and particularly on preparing our older children for starting Reception in September. We will be working closely with our Reception teachers and teaching assistants for a strong transition.

## Physical Development

We will be creating numerous, playful, daily opportunities to further develop fine motor skills and fine manipulative skills. This will include regular Dough Disco interventions and whole class sessions, to help children develop their pencil hold, add detail to their paintings and drawings and begin to be ready to learn to write. In PE we will do several weeks of parachute games before moving on to team activities such as the classic egg and spoon race. We will finish off the year with our own sports afternoon.

## Communication & Language

We continue to provide good opportunities for language and communication through the routine and through play. Our songs are chosen to be topical and teach new vocabulary. Circle time and snack time also provide opportunities for sharing news, opinions and ideas.

## How You Can Help

- Come to Share A Book on a Friday morning.
- Engage with Tapestry to share your child's growing independent skills.
- Ask your child open questions about their day.
- **Read our blog to stay up-to-date.**
- Encourage your child to try dressing themselves
- Singing number songs and nursery rhymes together.
- Send your child to Nursery dressed appropriately for the weather and labelling all their clothes. Please ensure shoes are a good fit and that your child is wearing clothes they can easily pull down when using the toilet.
- Ensure your child attends regularly.
- **Talk about story book characters together.**
- **Talk about machines and devices that make our lives easier.**