

# Topic Title: Gosh and Wow

We can all recall a moment when we have experienced Awe and Wonder about the world in which we live. Although we may not have had the words to describe it at the time, only '**Gosh and Wow!**'

In this topic we will be helping the children to **develop their curiosity and observation skills**. We will also be providing them with opportunities for **experimentation and investigation**.

### Maths

In Maths, we will be exploring odd and even numbers, as well as learning about doubling and halving numbers up to 10. The children will use practical resources, games and problem-solving activities to help them understand these concepts. We will encourage them to explain their thinking and spot patterns in numbers.

By the end of the term, we hope the children will feel confident recognising odd and even numbers and quickly recalling doubles and halves within 10.

### Let's go outside!

In Reception, physical development is a key foundation for becoming confident writers. Before children can control a pencil, they need strong shoulders, arms and core muscles, which we develop through outdoor activities such as climbing, balancing and obstacle courses.

Large-scale painting and mark making help strengthen arm muscles and support the transition from big movements to smaller, controlled writing movements. By building core strength and coordination through active play, we are laying the foundations for successful handwriting.

### English

In English, we will continue to explore exciting stories that make us say "WOW!" These high-quality texts will inspire our imagination and creativity.

The children will:

- Design and describe castles
- Create their own dragons
- Imagine and design magical clothing
- Use adventurous vocabulary in their speaking and writing

We will also be completing our Reception phonics programme and learning all the remaining sounds. The children will practise using these sounds confidently in their reading and writing, helping them to write simple sentences independently.

**Reading at Home** is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning. So, please:

- Share stories together regularly.
- Encourage your child to read their phonics book.
- Talk about the pictures and ask questions about the story.

Reading at home helps to:

- Build confidence and fluency
- Strengthen understanding of phonics
- Develop vocabulary and comprehension
- Foster a lifelong love of books

Even just **5–10 minutes each day** makes a huge difference. Thank you for your continued support — it truly helps your child to thrive.