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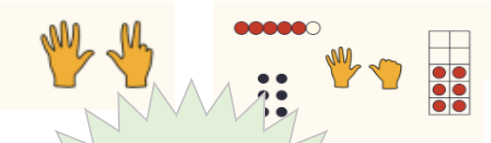
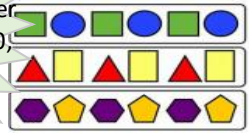


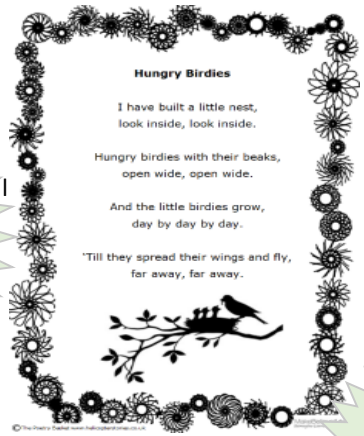
In Maths we will be copying, continuing and creating repeating patterns. Our number focus will be on subitising 6-10, and on counting out up to 10 items from a collection.



We will be thinking about 'Dreams and Goals' in our PSHE Jigsaw sessions. We will be learning about perseverance, challenging ourselves and setting goals!

50 things to do

We will make and eat a Chinese New Year feast as our '50 things to do at Ladysmith' experience. We will be recognising that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways and knowing that there are different countries in the world.



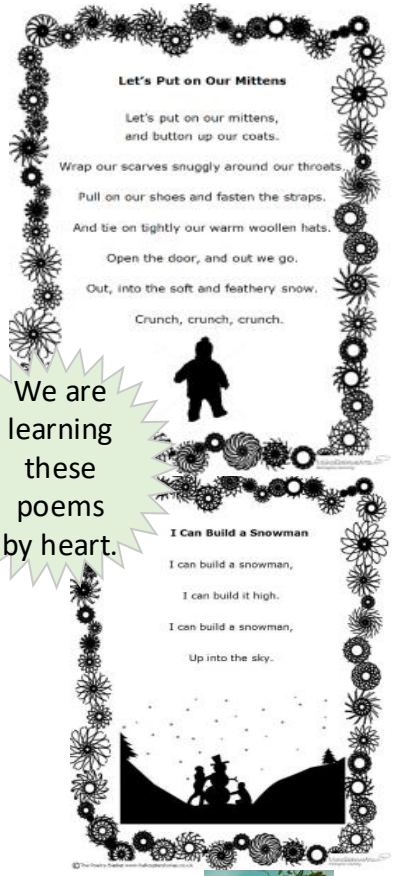
Hungry Birdies

I have built a little nest,
look inside, look inside.

Hungry birdies with their beaks,
open wide, open wide.

And the little birdies grow,
day by day by day.

'Till they spread their wings and fly,
far away, far away.



Let's Put on Our Mittens

Let's put on our mittens,
and button up our coats.

Wrap our scarves snuggly around our throats.

Pull on our shoes and fasten the straps.

And tie on tightly our warm woollen hats.

Open the door, and out we go.

Out, into the soft and feathery snow.

Crunch, crunch, crunch.

I Can Build a Snowman

I can build a snowman,

I can build it high.

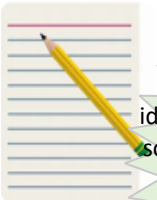
I can build a snowman,

Up into the sky.

We are learning these poems by heart.

Spring 1 in Reception: Traditional Tales

This half term we will be listening to and learning traditional stories. We will become familiar with story structures and characters by listening to, watching and acting out traditional tales, bringing these into our play and independent learning provision. We will be learning key phrases and vocabulary from these stories, using songs, drama and roleplay to help us retell stories in meaningful and creative ways and learning to create 'story maps' to retell key elements of stories. We will listen to alternative versions of familiar tales, exploring and enjoying the ways in which authors and illustrators have changed stories and experimented with language and story-telling. Using what we have learnt in our phonics lessons, we will begin to write words and sentences to help us write character names and retell traditional tales. We will continue to explore the natural world and describe what we see, hear and feel outside by taking part in the RSPB 'Big Garden Bird Watch', visiting our local cemetery and park to see which birds we spot and find out about our local area.

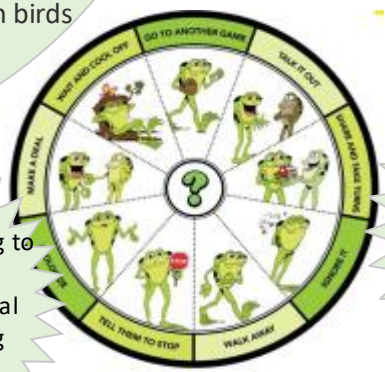


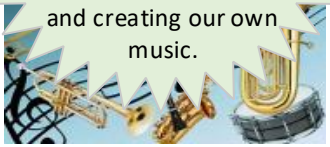
We will be writing words by identifying sounds, writing these sounds with the letters we have learnt and forming these correctly. We will start to use finger spaces between words.

We are learning our Set 1 single sounds and blending these with 'Fred talk' to hear, say and read words.

We will focus on introducing a main character and a 'baddie' (villain) in our Helicopter Stories.

We are learning these signs.



We are continuing to learn to solve problems in social situations using Kelso's choices.

We will be learning Music each week with a focus on 'Meet the Instruments'. We will be exploring pitch and tempo by listening to and creating our own music.