* **Little Acorns** 

**Summer term 2 2021-22**

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**Communciation, language and literacy**

We have some lovely stories at the heart of the theme “On the Move” including Mr Gumpy’s Outing, You Can’t Take an Elephant on a Bus and The Gingerbread Man. We will use these to map out stories and to write our own short versions.

 We will continue to practice phase 2 and 3 digraphs and trigraphs but will move on to using them with the consonant clusters of phase 4. This means we will be learning to read words like lift, grass, sharp, sleep and splash.

We will continue to work hard to develop our vocabulary and on being able to answer and ask questions in full sentences.

**Mathematics**

For this final half term we will continue to consolidate the maths skills of counting, subitising, ordering, comparing and knowing the composition of numbers to 10. We will also be looking at addition, subtraction, doubles, sharing and odds and evens.

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**Personal, social and emotional development**

We will be reflecting on our acievements over the year and talk about how we feel about moving on to Saplings class. We will think of examples of how we have always tried to follow our school’s 5 “branch out” rules and share our experiences of working and playing together.

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**Physical development**

Our weekly PE lessons will be based outside and we will be learning lots of new athletics skills such as throwing javelins, sprinting, jumping over hurdles and doing obstacle courses. We will practise some events ready to participate in our whole school sports day – please read the newsletter for confirmation of the date as you are all welcome to come along and support your children. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school every day.

**Understanding the world**

In our “On the move” topic we will be exploring journeys (real and fantasy) including under and over the sea, different kinds of transport and will look at and make maps. We will also look at caring for the environment, including our seas and oceans.

**Expressive arts and design**

We will be using our observational skills to look at nature all around us then develop our sketching skills as we learn to draw the beautiful and interesting natural objects we see. We will also introduce the children to using fine paint brushes and water colour paints

for adding detail.

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