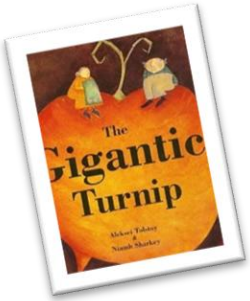
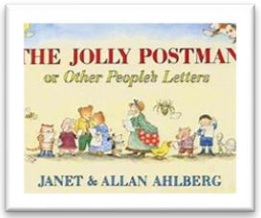
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<td>Reading:
These are our key texts for this half term:
• Gigantic Turnip
• The Jolly Postman
• Pumpkin Soup

We will be discussing these stories and learning new vocabulary. We will be describing different characters and settings. We will also have a go at anticipating key events.</td>
<td>Writing:
We will be developing our confidence in name writing and continue to focus on correct letter formation. We will also be using the phonemes that we know to begin to write simple words, captions or labels. We will also create and write our own stories using our Tales Toolkit framework of Character, Setting, Problem and Solution.</td>
<td>Maths:
We will be representing, comparing and composing numbers 1, 2 and three. We will be looking at the representation of numbers up to 5, and recognising different amounts, including one more and one less. We will be looking at circles, triangles and four sided shapes in the environment, and identifying the properties of these shapes and what makes them different. We will also be using lots of positional language, such as under, above, and beside.</td>
<td>Phonics:
We will learn the graphemes and phonemes for ff, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh. th, ng and nk. We will be developing our knowledge of blending for reading and segmenting for writing. We will also learn the tricky words put, pull, full, as, and, has, his, her, go, no, to, into, she, push, he, of, we, me, and be.</td>
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<td>Personal Social and Emotional Development:
This half term we will be focusing on getting to know the friends in our class, and building these relationships. We will continue to explore feelings, and following rules and routines. We will also be exploring what makes us different to other people.</td>
<td colspan="2">I wonder why the seasons change...





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<td>Expressive Arts and Design:
We will be responding to different festivals and celebrations through art – e.g Christmas cards, decorations, songs, and bonfire night. We will also act out stories and role play as characters from our key books. We will also prepare for our Christmas Nativity.</td>
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<td>Understanding the World:
This half term our RE focus is God's Family. We will be learning about and identifying different festivals and celebrations, including Bonfire Night, Diwali, and Hannukah. We will also be learning about God's Family, and how he chose Mary to be Jesus' mother. We will learn that Advent is a special time of the year, when we wait for Jesus's birth. We will also be closely observing the changing weather and season.</td>
<td colspan="2">Physical Development:
We will be developing our muscle tone and doing lots of fine and gross motor activities to develop our ability to put pencil pressure on paper. We will be using different tools to effect changes to materials, for example scissors, one handed holepunches, and stamps, and developing our preference for a dominant hand. We will also be focussing in outdoor PE on negotiating space and developing ball skills, for example throwing, catching and kicking different sized balls.</td>
<td>Communication and Language:
We will be focusing on developing and broadening our vocabulary. We will focus on telling and retelling different stories. We will develop our book talk and share our ideas about books, characters, and settings. We will also be working on following instructions closely.</td>
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<td colspan="4">Key Information:
We will have Outdoor PE on a Monday, and the children will come in school in their PE kit. We will have Indoor PE on a Thursday, and the children will wear their PE kit into school. Please do visit Tapestry! You will be able to see what your child is learning at school, and you can share some news from home too! Our Nativity will be on the 8th of December at 9.30am.</td>
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