

# Can We Fix It?

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a really good start to last half term, we feel the children have settled well and are very motivated to learn! This half term will be busy; we will have an 'Autumn Week' and our main topic is called 'Can We Fix It?' which then leads us in to 'The Three Little Pigs.' Before we know it, it will be time to get ready for Christmas! This half term we will continue to send home the phonic sound cards and we will start to send out some key words. These are words that we want the children to be able to read by sight. The red words we send home we call 'tricky words', these are words which need to be remembered as they cannot be broken down into sounds and sounded out. Please practise these words at home, both reading and writing them so the children learn to spell them in the simple sentences they will be beginning to write.

## **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Our main objective for this half term is focusing on the children forming good relationships. Many children will be developing their abilities to share, take turns and consider the needs of others. We will be role modelling how to negotiate and solve problems calmly without always needing help from an adult.

### Ideas for home

Please could you play games where your child has to take turns and may win or lose!

## **Communication and Language**

The children are now really good at listening during story time and we will now be encouraging them to respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions and actions. We will be focusing on asking each other questions when we review our learning.

### Ideas for home:

Encourage your children to ask and answer questions about the world around you.

## **Literacy**

We will be continuing with our daily phonics lessons, introducing letter sounds and blending the sounds to make and read simple words. Alongside this we will be teaching the children how to write the letters and will provide many opportunities for the children to have a go at writing new letters and words. We will also be starting to read colour dot books with your child.

### Ideas for home:

Play I-Spy games and make up rhymes together, share stories and help your child to learn to read and write the key words we send home.

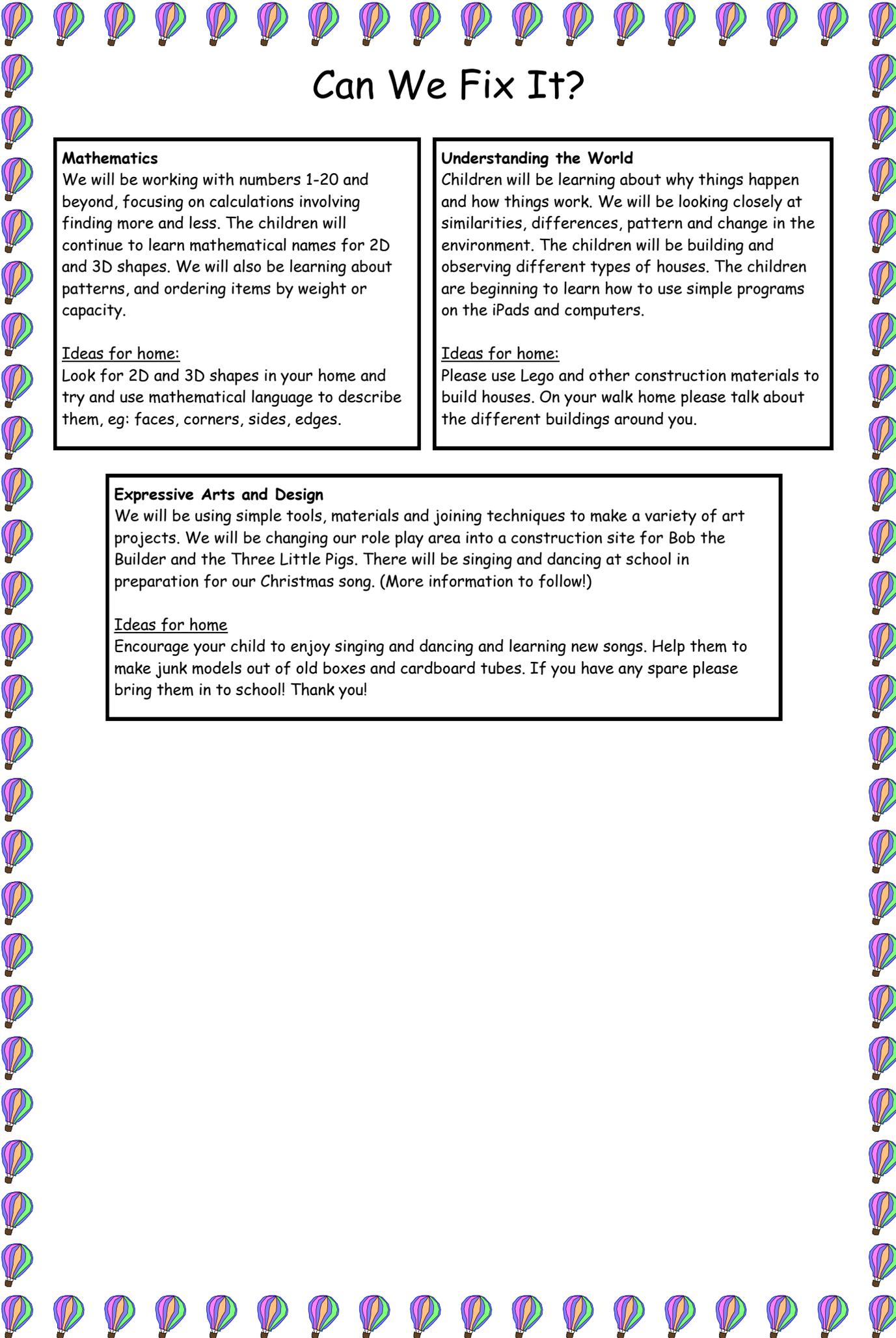
## **Physical Development**

Whilst still working on our pencil control we will be focusing on forming recognisable letters and numbers. We will be encouraging the children to hold their pencils correctly. During PE the children will be learning to travel with confidence and imagination, around, under, over and through the equipment.

### Ideas for home

Please could you encourage your child to dress and undress independently, as they will need to be able to do this for PE and games sessions in the future. Please give your child activities to do where they need to use scissors and help them practise cutting along the lines.

**Please remember to NAME jumpers and coats. The children also need a named water bottle and book bag please.**



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## **Mathematics**

We will be working with numbers 1-20 and beyond, focusing on calculations involving finding more and less. The children will continue to learn mathematical names for 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be learning about patterns, and ordering items by weight or capacity.

### Ideas for home:

Look for 2D and 3D shapes in your home and try and use mathematical language to describe them, eg: faces, corners, sides, edges.

## **Understanding the World**

Children will be learning about why things happen and how things work. We will be looking closely at similarities, differences, pattern and change in the environment. The children will be building and observing different types of houses. The children are beginning to learn how to use simple programs on the iPads and computers.

### Ideas for home:

Please use Lego and other construction materials to build houses. On your walk home please talk about the different buildings around you.

## **Expressive Arts and Design**

We will be using simple tools, materials and joining techniques to make a variety of art projects. We will be changing our role play area into a construction site for Bob the Builder and the Three Little Pigs. There will be singing and dancing at school in preparation for our Christmas song. (More information to follow!)

### Ideas for home

Encourage your child to enjoy singing and dancing and learning new songs. Help them to make junk models out of old boxes and cardboard tubes. If you have any spare please bring them in to school! Thank you!