



## Spring 1 - Aladdin

This term's topic is based on the folk tale Aladdin. During this topic, the children will develop an understanding and appreciation of performing arts and creativity.

### Maths:

This half term we shall focus on multiplication and division in the 4 and 8 times tables. We will look at calculating using mental methods and using pictorial representations.

We will then move on to looking at measurement with a specific focus on understanding the place value of money and problem solving.

#### Ways to help at home:

Practice 3s, 4s, 8 times tables including the inverse. This is a great website game the children love playing: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Discuss the cost of items in the shops and let children pick the appropriate coins - they may even like to work out how much change you will get!

### English:

During this topic, we shall create, write and perform our own play scripts inspired by Aladdin allowing us to develop our speaking and listening skills.

In addition, we will look at the structure of letters and write our own thank you letters

#### Ways to help at home:

Look at letters that arrive in the post. Compare letters that arrive from family members to business post.

### Science:

Thinking about lighting and shadow used in plays and theatre productions we will continue to develop our understanding of light, digging deeper into our understanding of shadows. We will also look at the types of materials that are affected by light. We will design and carry out scientific investigations.

#### Ways to help at home:

Develop an inquisitive scientific mind by encourage 'what if' questions and allowing child-led experimentation in their play and activities.

### DT:

The children will be in project groups and will evaluate existing products then design and make their own character puppets and props for their puppet show.

#### Ways to help at home:

When visiting clothing shops explore the different materials clothing can be made from and how they feel. If you have puppets at home, play with them and bring them in to show.

#### Important information:

PE will still be on Thursdays for both and then Tuesdays (3LW) and Wednesdays (3SJ).

Library sessions are Wednesday (3LW) and Friday (3SJ)

On the 12th of January we will be visited by a professional theatre company who will include the children in a workshop and then a performance of Aladdin. You will receive a letter explaining this visit in more detail including timings and costings, so please keep your eyes peeled for this!