



Our Topic for this half term is all about The Nutcracker. We will be learning the story, writing play scripts and performing with puppets.

We will show our performance to other children in the school and also be filming our performances to show others and request feedback.

This topic has strong links with **D&T** and **Art and Design**. We will make puppets of the characters and also design and create our own set and scenery.

In **Science**, we will learn about Light. We will also look at forms of electricity so we can create circuits with bulbs to go with our setting and scenery.

In **R.E** we will be learning about the Christmas story and the coming of Christmas.

**P.E** will be on a Thursday afternoon, we will be inside and outside depending on the weather.

### Maths and English:

**Week 1:** Grammar focus – We will spend the week homing in on key punctuation and grammar skills. We will especially focuss on: capital letters, full stops, paragraphs and inverted commas.

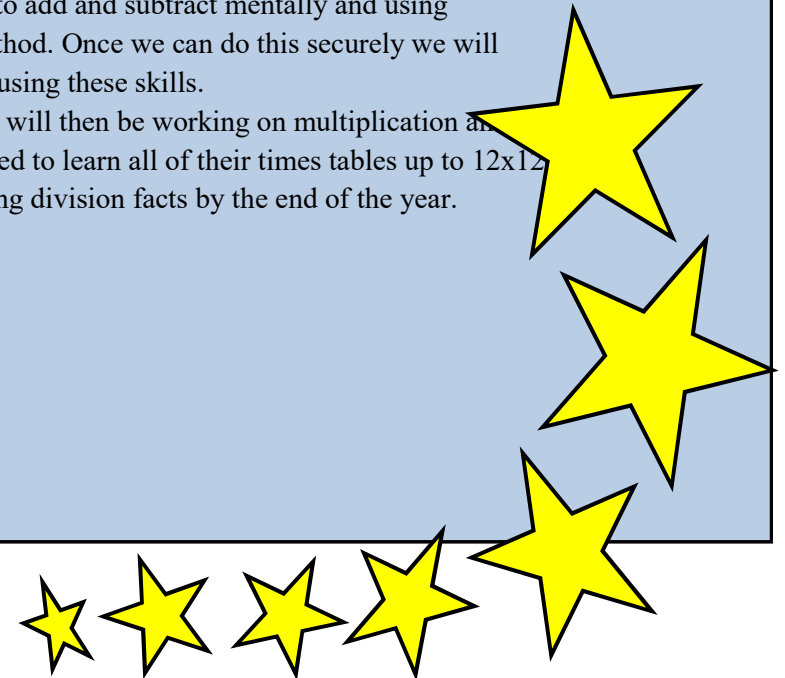
**Week 2 & 3:** Play scripts and Fairytales. We will look at the story of the Nutcracker and learn how to write a play script. This will take us to **Week 4**, where we will focus on the drama and performance of a play.

**Week 5 & 6:** With our run up to Christmas we will be writing letters to Santa.

We will continue working on addition and subtraction for our Maths, following the White Rose maths materials.

We need to be able to add and subtract mentally and using a formal written method. Once we can do this securely we will be problem solving using these skills.

In week 5 and 6, we will then be working on multiplication and division. Year 4s need to learn all of their times tables up to 12x12 and the corresponding division facts by the end of the year.



### **What Can I do to Support my Child's Learning?**

\* Make sure you are reading with your child every night and asking them questions about their book. I will always have the spelling rule for the week displayed on the parent's board in the classroom window so you know what spellings conventions to look for when reading.

\* Keep your eyes peeled for the homework booklet that will be coming home. Homework club is every Wednesday lunch time for any children who need more support.