Physical Development

This term we will be focussing on Games skills using hoops and Quoits on Monday. On Friday, we will be looking at our Athletic skills and preparing for Sports Day. This weeks, fine motor control or funky finger activity will be Clever Chopsticks. In handwriting we will be working on our capital letter formation.

Personal, Social and Emotion

This half term the children will be doing PSE with Mrs Smith during my PPA time. Mrs Smith will be looking at changes. They will discuss how they have changed and how we cope with unexpected change in our lives.

Communication and Language

This week the children will be sharing their news with the rest of the class and answering questions about what they did over the holidays. They will be following instructions on how to make a dragon from junk modelling material. The children will use the puppets and props to act out the story of St George and the Dragon.

Understanding of the World

We will be discussing how we celebrate St Georges Day in this country. We will talk about why St George is our patron Saint and what that means to our country. We will watch video clips of how children around the country mark the occasion.

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Literacy

This week the children will be talking about and writing their news. Some of the children will be working on developing their sentence construction including capital letters and full stops. They will be encouraged to read their sentence aloud to ensure it makes sense. The children will be completing a guided read with me this week. We will be working on the sounds er, ure and ch in our phonic sessions.

**Planning?**

**18.4.17**

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Mathematics

This week we will be looking at our addition and subtraction skills and checking to see if the children remember how to tackle the problems. The children will also be looking at positional language and giving St George directions to get to the dragon. We will continue to work on number formation to twenty and for some beyond twenty.

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Expressive Arts and Design

The children will make a dragon using 3d material and be given the opportunity to make a flag, a shield, a split pin knight and playdough dragon.

Parental Involvement Ideas

This week we are looking at the Understanding of the World objective ‘they know about similarities and differences between themselves and other and among families, communities and traditions’. What does your family do to mark St Georges day? Do you go to a community event? Watch a puppet show? Go to Church? Perhaps you don’t do anything to mark the occasion and in your family another patron Saint is remembered, for example St Patricks Day. Talk to your child about your traditions even if they differ from other families, as appreciating differences and understanding them is a key element to this objective.