

## Autumn Term 2 in Class 1 2024

During this half-term, we will look at lots of different stories, including fairy tales. We will also continue investigating the season of Autumn. We will continue to plan activities based upon the children's interests.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

The children will continue to concentrate on their social and emotional development, learning to take turns and share with each other, and to implement our school values of "love and care" within their friendships. They will be encouraged to become more independent as they learn routines of school.

### Communication and language:

We will continue our circle time sessions with *Ginger Bear* which encourage the children to listen and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. We will continue sharing our All About Me books in groups and with the class and we will continue using circle times for discussion to help develop speaking and listening skills.

### Physical Development:

We will continue focusing on looking after our own belongings and dressing and undressing independently. We will be using large balls to practise rolling, aiming, throwing, kicking and catching. We will participate in games and exercises to develop our core strength. We will continue to work on developing a comfortable tripod pencil grip.

### Literacy:

In phonics sessions, we will continue to learn the Phase 2 letter sounds. The children will develop blending and segmenting skills and use these to read and write short words. We will also focus on the tricky words and continue learning to read them. We will read a variety of books and talk about the characters as well as where and when the story takes place.

### Mathematics:

We will continue subitising and investigating the composition of numbers to 5 including identifying 1 more and 1 less than a number and matching numerals to amounts. We will continue to count different amounts, ensuring 1:1 accuracy. We will investigate circles, triangles and 4 sided shapes and identify the differences in activities undertaken in the day and night.

### Understanding the world:

We will continue to investigate the seasons in school and the village. We will find out about Bonfire Night and Diwali celebrations, and we will learn about the meaning of Advent and the Christmas story. The children will investigate the function buttons on the Bee-Bots and input simple instructions. We will begin to learn about charities and how they help people.

### Expressive arts:

We will be creating art work using different colour mixing and materials to represent Autumn. The children will have the opportunity to use clay to make their own diwa light for Diwali. It will soon be time for us to begin learning songs and acting out the story for our Christmas Nativity Play!

### How Parents can help:

Teach your child how to put on their coat and practise doing up zips and buttons. The children will continue to bring library books home and will begin to bring reading scheme books & literacy games home as well. Please find regular times to sit quietly and enjoy these books and games with your child.

### Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Production day - timings to be confirmed (probably morning)  
Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 1.45 pm - Christmas Carol Service in the church.