



Foundation Stage



Term 2



Welcome back to Term 2. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead and we will begin with our topic 'Into the Woods' (Weeks 1-4) then 'Christmas' (weeks 5-7)



Term 2 Dates for your diary:

Mon 1st November- TD Day

15th-19th November- Anti-bullying Week (Kindness Week)

19th November- Children in Need

13th December- Flu immunisations

Friday 17th December – End of Term

Our school value is: kindness



A polite reminder: please check labels on all items including: coats, shoes, uniform and bottles of water in case any have faded or come off. As the weather gets colder please support your child in learning how to fasten their own coat and put on gloves and hats.

Literacy

Our literacy activities will focus on a text each week. We hope you hear all about them each week.

We will continue our Phonics programme as the children learn to read and write. This term we begin Phase 3 which includes learning to read many digraphs. A digraph is two letters which make one sound such as the ai sound in rain and the oa sound in boat. Please see our phonics video for a further explanation on how we teach phonics in school.

Our reading books are closely aligned to our phonics scheme and the children are matched to the books depending on their individual phonic knowledge. All children progress at their own rate and regular reading at home helps to build confidence. We recommend daily reading at home. Please remember to record this in their reading log.

The children can continue to choose a sharing book which they can change twice a week.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be celebrating differences, thinking about our homes, families and friends. We will also join in with anti-bullying week activities during kindness week.

Communication and Language

We will be participating in small group and whole class discussions. The children will be encouraged to use recently introduced vocabulary. We will continue listening to and talking about stories and talking about things that are important to us.

Physical Development

We will be developing our fine motor skills (small movements using our hands and wrists) through activities in our provision and learning the formation of letters in handwriting. In PE we will be working on our gross motor skills and moving our bodies to music in dance linked to our weekly literacy texts.

Understanding the World

We will continue to spend time outside exploring the changing seasons. We will also be finding out about different celebrations and special days such as Diwali, Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Day and Christmas.

Expressive Art and Design

We will be learning joining techniques and how to use other tools safely. For example – hole punchers, staplers, split pins, tape and glue etc.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to develop our subitising skills (instantly recognising a small amount without counting). We will also be developing our number skills through counting, comparing and finding out about the composition of numbers.

In addition to this we will continue exploring pattern and using mathematical vocabulary to describe shapes and position.

If you would like to contact any of the Foundation teachers, please speak to us, call or e-mail

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Thank you for your continued support.

The Foundation Team.

