

Autumn Term 2 2021

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

This continues to underpin all that we do. Children will still be encouraged to share their ideas and opinions through questioning. We will continue to develop children's vocabulary through our topics. The 'home' role play area will continue but resources will be added. Nearer Christmas it will have an Advent and Nativity theme. We will be reading and listening to lots and lots of stories.

LITERACY

This half term we will continue learning the Phase 2 phonemes. The children will listen to stories and look at books linked to Autumn and celebrations such as Hanukkah and Christmas. We will be retelling stories and responding to them. We will continue to practise writing our names correctly and find lots of opportunities to practise our mark making and writing.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

We will begin the half term exploring 'Autumn' and the changes that happen. The children will explore different celebrations such as birthdays, Hanukkah and Christmas and share their own experiences of celebrations with their families and friends. We will continue to use the Chrome books, Ipads and use the remote control toys.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we will focus on the 'Golden Rules' and explore more about 'Growth Mindset'. We will introduce 'Resilience the Mouse' and listen to the story 'The Dot'. The children will continue to talk about their feelings and look at how we can manage these. We will take part in activities that support turn taking and cooperation. The children will talk about keeping safe linked to fireworks and being out in the dark.

Autumn Celebrations

EXPLORING MEDIA & MATERIALS

The children will explore the work of the artists Kandinsky and Pacita Abad (linked to circles) and will explore colour mixing and have opportunities to draw, paint and print. We will also take part in storytelling and create narratives. The class will make bread together. The children will learn and sing songs linked to the Nativity play and will use 'Kapow' to explore Celebration music and have opportunities to make their own music with the instruments.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We will continue to work on gross motor skills to strengthen our joints and muscles to support our writing. We will practise fine motor skills, especially using scissors for cutting. The children will continue to use the Little Wandle phrases to prompt the correct letter formation. Mr C will take PE lessons every Thursday where the children will be developing their skills and coordination. There will also continue to be swimming or PE on a Tuesday.

MATHS

This half term we will continue to explore different ways of representing numbers using a range of concrete resources. We will be looking at number bonds to 5 and use the part, whole model, as well as finding 1 more/1 less. We will continue to use Numberblocks, supported by the NCERT resources. We will look at day and night and the seasons. The children will also explore 2D and 3D shapes.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This half term the children will follow the Diocese half-term unit which is 'Called and Chosen'. They will include looking at the story of David and then moving into Advent. We will also be learning about some aspects of Judaism. The children will take part in the School Mass at the end of term.