



Autumn 2020 1st Half Term – Acorn

Hello and welcome to the start of the year in Team Woodland! We look forward to welcoming you and having the children start the new year. Within the next few weeks, our priority is to ensure the children are settled in their new surroundings, socialising and making friends and overall, happy in Nursery.

This term, Acorn will be learning about Nursery Rhymes. We will learn a number of popular nursery rhymes, including 'Humpty Dumpty', 'Miss Polly had a Dolly', 'Pat a Cake' and many more! The children will become familiar with the common phrases and language used in these songs and rhymes as we sing them every day. They will have the opportunity to role play, retell the nursery rhymes, make and create and explore the outdoor area.

We can't for you to see all the exciting learning on Tapestry which you will be able to log into soon! ☺

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We aim for the children to come in to nursery settled and happy at the beginning of each session. We will be really focusing on developing positive relationships with your children so they feel happy and confident to come in to Nursery each morning. We will also be planning activities which allow for the children to develop friendships and get to know one another.

Communication & Language

The children will broaden their vocabulary through learning and joining in with new songs and rhymes each week. They will also enjoy lots of story books and will become familiar with story language and repeated phrases. We will get to know your children's likes and interests through talking with your children and playing alongside them as they learn and explore.

Physical Development

We will be working on developing both the children's gross and fine motor skills. We will engage in a range of physical games and will explore moving our bodies in different ways to climb, run, balance and jump. The children will also refine their fine-motor skills as they develop pencil control and learn to hold and use many tools such as paint brushes and glue sticks.

Reminders for this half term:

- ★ Please remember we don't need PE kits in nursery.
- ★ As the weather is becoming wet and windy, please provide your child with **wellington boots** (which can be kept in school) and a warm, water-proof coat.
- ★ Please ensure your child brings in their water bottles and book bags.
- ★ On the rare occasion, your child might have a wet accident. Please provide underwear and a spare change of clothes (to be kept in their book bag).

Mrs Romanay-Bhatt (Team Leader), Mrs Harvey and Miss Shabir ☺