



Autumn 2020 2nd Half Term – Acorn

Welcome back! We have been so impressed with how the children have settled into Team Woodland and grasped the structure and routines. Acorn were busy last term familiarising themselves with various nursery rhymes and singing these throughout the day. We hope the children have been talking to you about their learning. Tapestry is a valuable tool which reflects your child's learning and progress. We would like to encourage parents and carers to look on Tapestry to see your child's learning journey. This is a reflection of what the children have been doing and learning independently thinking about skills they have learnt with an adult. Thank you to the parents who have been involved in updating observations at home. It is always lovely to see learning taking place at home. We hope you have found Parent Teacher Consultations useful.

This term the children will be learning all about Festivals. They will look at similarities and differences in the celebrations they enjoy and festivals other people may take part in! The children will be learning about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Hanukkah, Diwali and Christmas! We look forward to you continuing to see their fantastic work on Tapestry 😊

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children have really settled well together as a class. They have formed and sustained positive relationships with their adults and peers and are beginning to enjoy sharing experiences with others during group play. We aim for the children to continue to build on these relations and to become confident to talk in front of their peers during play and circle time discussions.

Communication & Language

The children have become familiar with nursery rhymes and songs. This term, they will learn new vocabulary relating to 'Festivals'. We hope they will come home and share their new language with you. We will also continue to share lots of story books together to enable the children to become more familiar with story language and using repeated phrases. They will be developing their listening skills during these stories and when taking turns in conversations with others.

Physical Development

To support pre-writing skills, the children have been working on fine motor skills. We have been threading beads, manipulating play dough and using scissors to cut materials. We will continue to work on these. We will continue to explore using one-handed tools and equipment as the children construct with a range of materials. This will be linked to our topic, Festivals. Please bring in any recyclable objects for junk modelling, such as egg boxes, cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc.

Reminders for this half term:

- ★ Please ensure your child has **all** winter kit in school - including wellington boots and winter coats – **all clearly labelled with their name please!**
- ★ Please remember to use Tapestry at home. We love to see what the children get up to at home.
- ★ Dates for your diary - Friday 13th November: Children in Need Mufti
Fri 11th December: Christmas jumper day

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