



Autumn 2022 2nd Half Term – Nursery

Welcome back! We have been so impressed with how the children have settled in and adapted to life in Foxglove Class! We are so proud of them and want to thank you for all your continuing support! The children have been busy exploring the nursery setting and have been developing some lovely relationships with one another as well as with the adults in the classroom. Last half term, we had a great time learning many nursery rhymes and singing them together... We have all enjoyed learning how to sign the nursery rhymes using Makaton! We hope that the children have been coming home and singing them to you as well as telling you all about the fun that they have been having every day in Foxglove. Please do look on Tapestry to see all the activities we have been enjoying together- it's a great way to share your child's Nursery experiences. This half term we will be looking at Animals. We start with farm animals, and of course we will be singing and signing "Old MacDonald had a farm"! Then we will learn about sea animals, hibernating animals, and finally snowy animals, just in time for two weeks of festive Christmas activities!

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We will continue to support and encourage sharing and turn taking in free play and Circle Time. We will be helping the children to practise their independence in self-initiated and adult led activities, and increase their confidence in new situations.

Communication & Language

We will be modelling lots of interactive chat as the children explore all the activities in the Nursery. We will be practising attention and listening skills in our Circle Times and continuing to sing and say lots of songs and rhymes. We will be introducing lots of new vocabulary, and continuing to learn Makaton.

Physical Development

The children will be continuing to practise lots of fine motor skills using mark making tools in dough and paint, chalks on pavements, pens on white boards, threading and connecting construction. Outside we will be exploring throwing and catching, balancing and lots of sensory play!

Literacy

We will be continuing to foster a love of stories and books through daily story times and twice weekly trips to our library. We will be doing some early phonic work, by listening and making sounds with our voices, bodies and instruments, and clapping out the beats in our name.

Maths

We will continue to sing and say lots of counting rhymes counting up and down. We will look at sorting items by size, type and colour and begin to compare quantities. The children will continue to explore number through number games and puzzles.

Understanding the World

We will be learning the names and signs for all the different animals in our topic. We will be looking at the different habitats they live in, and explore small world play with the toy animals in water, leaves, ice, mud, sticks and pretend snow!

Expressive Arts

We will be playing in our Farm Shop, washing dirty pigs in the "mud", dressing up as farm animals, creating dough and stick hedgehogs, painting fish and building igloos from sugar cubes!

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!**
- ★ The children should be bringing a clearly named school water bottle to school with them every day.
- ★ Song and Rhyme sessions will start on Wednesdays this term.
- ★ We have the book fair returning to school from Tuesday 15th November – Tuesday 22nd November.
- ★ Grown ups in Golden Time – Friday 25th November.
- ★ Nursery Christmas songs – Wednesday 7th December.

Mrs Fraser, Mrs Harvey, Miss Townsend. ☺