



Autumn 2021 2nd Half Term – Nursery

Welcome back! We have been so impressed with how the children have settled into Team Woodland and grasped the structure and routines. The children have been busy exploring the nursery setting and have been developing relationships with one another as well as with the adults in the classroom. We had a great time learning many nursery rhymes and singing them together last half term. 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.

This term, we are learning about 'Seasonal Changes' (from autumn to winter). As the weather is changing and the colder months are approaching ahead, we will be looking at different stories relating to this. Some of the stories will include, 'The Little Red Hen', 'Pumpkin Soup' and 'Percy's Snowy Night In'. We are sure that the children will also enjoy some of our Christmas activities towards the end of the term.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children have developed positive relationships with their peers and adults. Through frequent circle times and carpet discussions, we hope to encourage children to become confident to talk in front of their peers.

Communication & Language

The children have become familiar with nursery rhymes and songs. This term, they will learn new vocabulary relating to seasonal changes. We hope they will come home and share their new language with you. We will also become more familiar with story language and using repeated phrases.

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. Children have also been using their bodies to move in a variety of ways outdoors.

Literacy

The children have been enjoying recognising sounds that they hear around them and pointing out when they can hear sounds. Each week they have been playing with musical instruments and having a go at hearing and playing simple rhythms. All of this will support the children when they begin phonics.

Maths

We will be concentrating on *number* by encouraging the children to recognise numbers and count objects using one to one correspondence. We will also be looking at *sorting* by playing creative games.

Understanding the World

We will be increasing the children's understanding of seasonal changes and how this impacts on the environment and animals. We will observe what happens to the leaves and animals hibernating.

Expressive Arts

We will continue to build models and creative construction with a range of materials. This will be linked to our 'Seasonal Changes' topic. Please continue to bring in recyclable objects for junk modelling.

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 be cancelled this term due to the latest guidance regarding COVID-19. We hope to be able to start these again later on in the year.

Mr Woest, Miss Hunter and Miss Crawford-Smith ☺