



## Autumn 2019 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. Acorn were busy last term familiarising themselves with various nursery rhymes and enjoyed sharing these with family members during song and rhyme. 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 their 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, we are learning about 'Seasonal Changes' (from autumn to winter). As the weather is changing and colder months approaching ahead, we will be looking at different stories relating to this. Some of the stories will include, 'Farmer Duck', 'Pumpkin Soup' and 'Percy's Snowy Night In'. We have also begun to practice our Christmas play, 'A Nursery Nativity.' We will be allocating parts for each child and we will be informing you soon. Watch this space! ☺

### 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 and in the hall.

### Literacy

All children have enjoyed exploring the library and will be bringing home library books each week. We will also begin to introduce phonics this term using the 'Letterland' scheme and will be encouraging children to bring objects in from home beginning with our new sounds.

### 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!**
- ★ **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Grown Ups in Golden Time.
- ★ **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – Christmas show costumes in school by today please.
- ★ **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Bluebell and Willow Christmas Show.
- ★ **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Acorn Christmas Show.
- ★ **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party.

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