



Autumn 2023 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. 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 learning about **Celebrations**. We will talk about the fun and joy people have being together at special times, in different ways all over the world! We start off with the celebration of Harvest, exploring lots of activities with fruits and vegetables. We will talk about bonfires and fireworks, for Bonfire Night, and make poppies for Remembrance Sunday. We will learn the story of Rama and Sita for the celebration of Diwali, and we will finish with lots 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.

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 customs and stories connected with our theme of Celebrations. We will focus on the themes of thankfulness, family, sharing, giving, eating and having fun together.

Expressive Arts

We will be washing and weighing harvest pumpkins apples and potatoes, making glittery bonfire pictures and decorating firework biscuits, creating clay Diva lamps, and chalk rangoli and many Christmas activities!

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.
- ★ Nursery Nativity – Wednesday 6th December.
- ★ Christmas Lunch – Monday 11th December
- ★ Christmas Party – Wednesday 13th December

Mrs Fraser, Mrs Harvey, Miss Townsend. ☺