



Autumn 2020 1st Half Term – Reception

Hello and welcome to the start of the year in Team Woodland! We look forward to welcoming you and having the children start the new year. Within the next few weeks, our priority is to ensure the children are settled in their new surroundings, socialising and making friends and overall, happy in school.

This term, Bluebell and Willow will be learning about Traditional Tales. We will be reading familiar stories such as; Goldilocks and The Three Bears, The Gingerbread Man, The Little Red Hen and many more. The children will become familiar with the common phrases and language used in the stories and the learning will be related to the books we read. They will have the opportunity to role play, retell the stories, count, make and create and explore the outdoor area.

We can't for you to see all the exciting learning on Tapestry which you will be able to log into soon! ☺

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

We aim for the children to get to know one another and develop friendships. The adults will also take the time to build relationships with the children and get to know their likes and interests.

Communication & Language

The children will become familiar with story language and use repeated phrases. This will be through role play and storytelling. They will build on their vocabulary and story language.

Physical Development

We will be working on developing the children's fine motor skills. We will be threading beads, holding a paint brush, using scissors to cut out lines and patterns. We will continue to work on these. In PE, the children will work with a coach on a weekly basis.

Literacy

All children will have a picture book to take home. Please read little and often with your child at home by encouraging them to look at the pictures to tell the story. We will also begin to learn Phonics using Letterland.

Maths

We will be focusing on counting numbers and recognising numbers 0-5. We will be looking at size ordering, repeating patterns and measuring. We hope the children become confident in counting.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at different materials and comparing them. They will be encouraged to look at the different textures to build on their understanding and describe them.

Expressive Arts

The children will be experimenting with colours and different textures. They will explore painting, create models by using junk modelling and cookery.

Reminders for this half term:

- ★ Please ensure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on **Mondays**.
- ★ As the weather is becoming wet and windy, please provide your child with **wellington boots** (which can be kept in school) and a warm, water-proof coat.
- ★ Please ensure your child brings in their water bottles and book bags.
- ★ On the rare occasion, your child might have a wet accident. Please provide underwear (to be kept in their book bag).
- ★ As we read with the children on a regular basis, please keep your child's reading book and Home School Book in their book bag. Please remember to sign/tick the calendar in the front of the Home School Book when you have read with your child.

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