



Autumn 2020 2nd Half Term – Reception

Hello and welcome back to the second half of the term! We are super impressed with how well the children in Team Woodland have settled into their new classes and how well they have not only got busy with their learning but participated in all various activities and opportunities to explore. They have made an amazing start to the year. We have enjoyed seeing their fantastic work and hopefully, you have seen this too on Tapestry. ☺

Last term we looked at some wonderful traditional tales. This term the children will be learning all about Festivals. They will look at similarities and differences in the celebrations they enjoy and festivals other people may take part in!

The children will be learning about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Hanukkah, Diwali and Christmas! We look forward to you continuing to see their fantastic work on Tapestry ☺

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Already the children have developed positive relationships with both their peers and adults. We aim for them to continue to build on this and to become increasingly confident in being able to talk, discuss and negotiate in front of their class and adults.

Communication & Language

The children this term will focus on key vocabulary relevant to our new topic 'Festivals' and explore their meanings. They will also continue to develop their understanding of using key phrases and story language.

Physical Development

In order to support the children's fine motor skills, we will continue to engage in activities such as: using scissors to cut out lines and patterns, threading beads and holding a paintbrush. In PE, the children will continue to work with a coach on a weekly basis.

Literacy

We have sent home picture books for you to look at with your child, encouraging them to explain what is happening in each page. We will continue to use Letterland to learn new sounds and begin to read simple words.

Maths

This half term we will be looking at number recognition. We will be using practical activities to develop an understanding of patterns, practising simple addition and subtraction, sorting and ordering by size and exploring 2D shapes.

Understanding the World

Our topic 'Festivals' lends itself beautifully to this area of learning. The children will make comparisons and look at similarities and differences between what they celebrate and what other people celebrate.

Expressive Arts

The children will continue to create structures using a variety of materials; looking at textures and building models using junk materials. They will also participate in some cookery.

Reminders for this half term:

- ★ Please remember to read with your child at least four times a week and sign the calendar at the front of your child's Home School Book.
- ★ Your child is able to access 'Letterland' and 'Busy Things' at home. The login details are at the back of your child's Home School Book.
- ★ Please remember to use Tapestry at home. We would love to see learning at home ☺
- ★ Please ensure your child's school items are **clearly** labelled (including water bottles). We still have a number of items which are unlabelled.

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