



Autumn 2021 2nd Half Term – Reception

Welcome back! We have been so impressed with how the children have settled into Team Woodland and grasped the structure and routines. Bluebell and Willow were busy last term familiarising themselves with Traditional Tales. They enjoyed retelling the stories together and have learnt some new skills in the creative room. We hope they have been coming home and telling you all about what they have been getting up to in school each day!

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, '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. Through discussions, we hope to encourage children to become confident to talk in front of their peers and to form further relationships.

Communication & Language

The children have become familiar with story language and using repeated phrases. This term, they will learn new vocabulary relating to seasons and animals. We will discuss similarities, differences and patterns.

Physical Development

To support writing skills, the children have been working on fine motor skills. We have been threading beads, manipulating play dough and using scissors to cut out lines and patterns. We will continue to work on these. In PE, the children will continue to work with the sports coach.

Literacy

Last term, we started to learn Phonics using 'Letterland.' We will continue to practice new sounds and encourage the children to use these in their daily activities. Please ensure you are reading at home with your child at least four times each week.

Maths

We will be concentrating on *number value* and will be helping the children to become secure in their knowledge of numbers to 6 through fun activities and using dice in games. The children will also be *recognising shapes* and creating patterns with the shapes.

Understanding the World

We will be deepening the children's understanding of seasonal changes and the impact 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.

Miss Hunter, Miss Crawford-Smith & Mr Woest ☺