



Autumn 2018 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 whilst Acorn learnt various Nursery Rhymes. We hope you have enjoyed looking at the creative work the children have been taking home and looking through Tapestry. Tapestry is a valuable tool which reflects your child's learning and progress. 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 Wiggly 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. 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* by encouraging the children to count reliably to 10. The children will also be *recognising numerals* and we will be practicing how to form the numerals correctly.

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!**
- ★ **Friday 15th November** - Grown Ups in Golden Time.
- ★ **Thursday 28th November** – Christmas show costumes in school by today please
- ★ **Tuesday 10th December** – Bluebell and Willow Christmas Show.
- ★ **Thursday 12th December** – Acorn Christmas Show.
- ★ **Friday 13th December** – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Party.
- ★ **Monday 16th December** - Christmas Pantomime – Please make sure you have paid for this on School Gateway.

Miss Romanay-Bhatt (Team Leader), Miss Wright and Mrs Harvey 😊