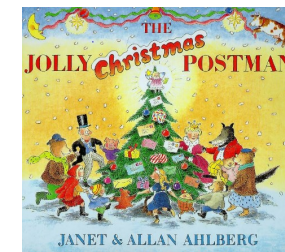


Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter



Communication and Language - This half term we will be engaging in regular story times together and asking questions to find out more and to check the children understand what has been said to them. We will work on maintaining attention in new and familiar situations. We will follow instructions with 2 parts in familiar situations. We will also focus on starting a conversation with peers and familiar adults and continuing for many turns, developing social phrases to build on this.

Literacy - We will be reading a range of books, some of which will have a seasonal theme! We will be responding to 'who', 'where' 'what' and 'when' questions linked to text and illustrations. During carpet time we will make simple inferences to answer yes/no questions about characters' emotions in our books and sequence two events from a familiar story, in a variety of ways. We will write CVC words and the tricky words and, his, has and her.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development - Families and close positive relationships. Now we are all happy and settled in school we will begin to express our feelings and consider the perspectives of others. We will be working on taking turns and sharing resources more and independently choosing where we would like to play. We will continue to build constructive and respectful relationships.



Understanding of the World—We will be using time language when talking about past and present events that have happened in our own lives and in the lives of others. We will use technology to show spatial awareness and use positional language. We will enjoy seasonal walks looking for signs of autumn, and changes in the trees and plants.

Expressive Art and Design:

Artist study—Piet Mondrian, Kandinsky, Paul Klee.

Music—Celebration Music. Learning about the music from a range of cultural and religious celebrations, including Hanukkah, Kwankzaa and Christmas

Mathematics—The children will count on and back with numbers to 5. They will count or subitise sets of objects up to 5 to find how many. They will match the number name to numerals and quantities and show that they are able to say which sets have more and which have fewer items. When counting, they will continue to learn that the final number they say names the quantity of the set. Once confident with numbers to 5 the children will look at shapes with 4 sides. They will learn that squares and rectangles have 4 straight sides and 4 corners. They will begin to recognise these shapes on everyday items in the classroom and outside. We will encourage the children to build their own squares and rectangles.

Physical Development— We will revise and refine the fundamental movement skills we have already acquired: rolling, crawling, walking, jumping, running, hopping, skipping, climbing. When active in the outdoor area or PE lessons the children will be focusing on Gymnastics. We will establish a balance using our own bodyweight. We will jump and land with correct technique and use apparatus safely.



Home Learning



Weekly phonics home learning is sent on a Friday and should be practised each day for 5 minutes. Nursery rhyme packs will continue to be sent home on Friday and need to be returned by the following Thursday so we can refresh them ready to send out again. Please support your child with their home learning and upload photos of completed work to the portfolio section of Class Dojo each week. To support your child with reading, please aim to read their school book with them for 5 minutes a day and talk about the book. The tasks below are optional but we would encourage you to complete one or two activities with your child. As always, please send in any completed tasks or upload photos or videos to Class Dojo. Thank you for your support!

Independence!

Please practise zipping up your own coat and using a knife and fork.



Lets build some muscle!

Please practise building your leg strength. Try some hopping, skipping and jumping.

We love celebrations. Please share with us any celebrations or festivals you celebrate with your family .

Winter is on it's way!

Have you noticed any changes to the trees, plants and leaves around you?