

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children have settled well into their classroom and new routines. This half term we will be developing the children's confidence to talk to each other about their own needs, wants and opinions whilst still encouraging good sharing and turn-taking. We will be using 3D PSHE lessons to get the children thinking and asking questions about sharing and problem solving. We will work with the children in groups and individually to solve problems with peers without aggression and introduce our class listening dog to encourage good sitting, listening and turn-taking on the carpet.

### Literacy

The children have taken really well to our new phonics scheme 'Little Wandle' and have learnt lots of new grapheme and phoneme correspondences as well practising lots of oral blending. As we slowly reveal the story of Owl Babies the children will make predictions about what they think will happen next, sequence and retell the story using puppets and small world and even come up with their own imaginative, alternate endings.

### Maths

The children will be starting to look at power maths and securing their number knowledge of numbers 1-10. We will explore sorting, comparing and time. The children will be using shapes appropriately to make beautiful firework pictures and exploring pattern through celebrating Diwali. They will also explore the early concepts of sharing on 'Children in Need Day' when having our teddy bears picnic, they will have to split raisins equally into two groups to make it fair. We look forward to the festive season with paper chain making/counting, and repeated pattern wrapping paper printing!

### Physical Development

The children have started handwriting and will continue to practise correctly forming the letters which they have learnt in phonics. We will be giving the children lots of fine motor activities and encouraging the use of one-handed tools to help them move to a thumb and two finger grip. P.E will continue to be on a Wednesday. This half term we will be making Diwali, Firework and Winter Wonderland Dances!

### Communication and Language

The children will be listening and discussing the story 'Owl Babies' they will learn all about the habits of different nocturnal animals. They will be encouraged to maintain attention and concentrate during engaging carpet sessions. The children will learn new rhymes and songs and be encouraged to join in with repeated refrains and anticipate key events and phrases in the rhymes and stories they hear.

## **F2 Curriculum Overview- Autumn 2**

### **Theme: Dark Nights, Owl Babies and Christmas!**



### Understanding the World

The children will be finding out and thinking about special times or events for family and friends.

They will discuss and share their experiences of Halloween, Bonfire Night and touch upon the story of Guy Fawkes as well as learn all about the Sikh festival of light Diwali. We will think carefully about Poppies and what they represent and participate in a minute's silence on Remembrance Day.

We will be keeping a close eye on the change in season as the trees and environment changes around us as we fall deeper into Autumn. We look forward to challenging the children to use their own ideas to build+ and evaluating safe, dry, warm homes for animals to hibernate in.

### Expressive Arts and Design

The children will create firework and Diwali dances in P.E and use musical instruments to create and perform their own music. They will learn new songs and pet poems and perform these in front of the class.

There will be opportunities for children to choose from a range of media to create firework, Diwali and Christmas pictures. The junk modelling will be available for the children to construct with a purpose in mind and they will be encouraged to plan, create and evaluate their creations.

In the roleplay area the children will have opportunities to put their bird watching skills into practise as they try and spot as many different birds as possible. Later as we approach Christmas the children will be able to imagine they are in Santa's Grotto helping the elves prepare for Christmas!