



## Autumn 1: Autumn time and exploring the school environment



### Maths

In maths this half term we will focus on a range of skills such as:

- Count forwards and backwards 1-5, 1-10, 1-20.
- Counting rhymes - sing number songs and rhymes
- Sorting activities
- Count a set of objects (5, 10, 20)
- Count objects from a larger group and match correct numeral.
- Compare two groups of objects and say which is more and less.
- Repeating patterns
- Simple 2D shapes
- Use vocabulary related to shape.



### Understanding the World

In our circle time sessions and classroom environment we will be learning about other cultures and exploring the festival of Diwali, the festival of light and looking at how we celebrate the harvest festival. The children will also get an introduction to computers and will use the interactive whiteboard in the classroom.

### Expressive arts and designs

In expressive arts and design we will be focussing on music this half term which will include: finding a voice, learning new songs and singing with confidence. We will also explore a range of materials to paint self-portraits/colour monsters and junk modelling.

### Topic

Our topic for this half term and the start of the next half term is Autumn Time and exploring the school environment.

We will:

- Meet the key people from around the school
- Discuss new beginnings and how that makes us feel
- Help each other to make new friends
- Learn how to keep ourselves and our friends safe
- Discuss the concept of Autumn and how different animals prepare for winter.
- Explore a range of books including Owl babies, The very Helpful Hedgehog, Seasons, Goodnight Owl, Day and Night, The Colour Monster, Kitchen Disco, Amazing Grace and The Gruffalo.
- Contribute to a class book about Autumn and go on an Autumn walk around the school.
- Label a picture of an owl/record or say facts about owls.
- Observational drawings/paintings of owls/leaves/woodland animals.
- Look at the seasons and relate to the current changes in our environment.



### PE

In PE this half-term, we are focussing on multi-skills. We will be travelling forward, backwards and sideways in curved and straight paths while contrasting speeds. PE kits should be brought in a bag with trainers and children should come to school in normal uniform. PE kit consists of plain black or navy short, joggers or leggings and a plain white t-shirt.

### Literacy

In Literacy we will be telling stories through pictures and re-telling stories to our friends. We will be copying our names, learning rhyming words and continuing a rhyming string.

### Phonics

We will be using Little Wandle to teach new phonemes, using graphemes (a letter or group of letters) and mnemonic (a picture with a phrase) to help the children remember and recognise different sounds.



### Other Events

School will be closed on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** for a training day.

Half term is **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** and school will reopen on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.