

This sheet will give you an overview of the learning we are covering this half term.

## Mathematics

This term your child will be exploring the basic principles of counting: say each number in the right order, touch each object once, saying one number per object, and the last number you say is how many there are. To start we will be focusing on maths through counting songs e.g. speckled frogs, little ducks. Children will begin by exploring counting objects to 3, before starting to learn about each number at a time. Children will use natural resources to begin to make patterns.

## Literacy

Children will begin their literacy journey by developing a love of reading. We will share stories at least twice a day, focusing on new vocabulary. One of these stories will be our focus story for the week. Children will begin the Read Write Inc. phonics programme by playing 'Fred Games'. They will be learning to orally blend by saying the sounds and putting them together to hear the whole word e.g. c-a-t = cat.

## Physical Development

This area of learning is about developing fine and gross motor skills. We will be focusing on:

- Putting on coats and handling zips with increasing independence
- Managing equipment safely
- Rolling and pinching skills (e.g. with playdough)
- Climbing and jumping on the jungle gym

## Understanding the world

- Exploring how we are all different
- Who is in my family?
- The differences between materials e.g. hard, soft, light, heavy
- Selecting the best materials for a task e.g. building a long bridge
- Exploring who celebrates Diwali and how

## Marvellous Me Once upon a time... Autumn Diwali

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

The children will start the year settling into their nursery. There will be a focus on turn taking, sharing and developing independence when using the toilet and washing hands. Children will also begin to learn our school's golden rules:

1. We are gentle
2. We are kind and helpful
3. We are honest
4. We listen
5. We work hard

## Expressive Arts and Design

This area incorporates music, drama, art and design and technology.

- Practising familiar songs and learning new ones
- Using different materials to create a self-portrait
- Building a house for a little pig
- Leaf rubbing and identifying patterns
- Creating a Rangoli pattern using coloured rice

## Home learning

Please help us to develop a love of reading by reading with your child everyday- this can be any type of book! Children love stories but also non-fiction texts e.g. how this work or are made.

- See if you can help your child to:
- Spot rhyming words
  - Handle books with care and love
  - Talk about what you have read

## Communication and Language

- Answering the register- 'good morning or good afternoon'.
- Starting a conversation about our families
- Speaking in sentences
- Developing good listening skills to listen to longer stories
- Following simple instructions

## Key reading books:

