

## Our theme for Autumn Term 2

### Overview

Our theme this half term is 'Into the woods'. We will be exploring a range of stories linked to the woods and bears and the children will be linking their learning to these texts. As we approach Christmas we will learn the story of Christmas, and how people celebrate this Christian festival.

### Mathematics

We will continue to develop our counting skills in numbers up to 5. We will also think about comparing groups of numbers, and identifying 1 more and 1 less. We will be exploring the properties of shapes this half term. Finally we will think about time, in the context of our everyday life.

### Literacy

In literacy we will be retelling familiar stories, using story maps and props. From this we will begin to learn how stories are structured, interpret characters and describe settings. We will continue learning our Set 1 sounds and use this growing knowledge to complete our daily reading and writing activities.

### Expressive arts and design

Children will be offered the opportunity to learn new songs based around our topic. In preparation for Christmas, we will be learning to dance and move in response to different music. We will also learn new techniques to create an effect, learning to combine materials, creating and talking about different textures. The children can develop narratives in our small woodland world and Roleplay areas.

# Into the Woods!

### Communication and language

Through continuous provision inside and outside the classroom, we will develop our understanding of language by being encouraged to listen to ideas and respond to others and this will help to develop our own vocabulary. We will continue to learn how to ask who, what, when and how questions within all our daily activities and will begin to use more complex sentences to link thoughts.

### Physical development

In PE this half-term we will be experimenting with different ways of moving in our 'Dancing Dinosaurs' lessons. We will also continue to notice the changes happening in our bodies when we exercise. We will continue to develop our fine motor skills in daily activities and show and develop an understanding of hygiene and keeping healthy.

### Understanding the world

We will begin our walks to Terling Forest and we will discuss the nature we have seen in the wood and discuss how we can take care of such things. As we get closer to Christmas, we will share stories about home and family traditions around Christmas time.

### Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue to build confidence in asking adults for help as well as speaking to others about our own needs, wants, interests and opinions. We will begin to become more aware of our own feelings, and know that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings, and use these skills to play cooperatively with others. We will share our success and achievements with our peers to develop our confidence in talking about our strengths and abilities.