

# Curriculum Overview Autumn Term



Welcome to the first term of our new academic year!

Here in Early Years we begin with an overarching theme called 'Let's celebrate!' Within this we have two main topics which will inspire our learning and environments – All About Me in Autumn 1 and All Around Me in Autumn 2.

#### **MATHS**

In maths lessons the children will build on their knowledge and develop their subitising and counting skills. F2 will explore the composition of numbers within 5. They will begin to compare sets of objects and use the language of comparison. Within our continuous provision there will be lots of opportunities to practice skills.

#### **LITERACY**

In the Autumn term we have daily story time to develop the children's love for books and simple comprehension skills. We also have daily phonics to distinguish sounds and learn the grapheme to phoneme correspondence of all single letters. Finally, we will begin to practice correct letter formation of the sounds.

## **EXPRESSIVE ART**& DESIGN

The bright colours and seasonal changes of the Autumn term will help us inspire the children's creativity. We will use the nature around us to make natural art, and the artist Wassily Kandinsky will inspire some of our painting projects.

## **UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD**

Our topics really drive this area of learning – in All About Me we focus on self (including body parts and senses), and family & homes (with an opportunity to think about the past and present); in All Around Me we will look further out - to our different communities to explore places, events and celebrations.



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## PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

At the beginning of the academic year it is incredibly important to allow the children time to settle in and get to know each, alongside learning the routines and expectations of school. We will support them with encouragement,



kindness and care to build their selfconfidence and independence for the year ahead.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## Stay and play

- FS2 Butterflies 10/10 (Miss Brunning)
- FS2 Ladybirds 17/10 (Miss. Martin)

Oral Health Talk 3/10

- School disco 23/10
- Panto and Party 20/11

**Christmas Craft afternoon** 

- o FS1 27/11
- o FS2 11/12

## **Nativity Performance**

- o FS1 9/12
- o FS2 10/12

## COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

All areas of our environment are set up to encourage and support children's speaking, listening and attention skills. The 'Reading Nook' will always contain a selection of familiar books and those which align with our topics and the seasons. The focus songs this term are:

- Head, shoulders, knees & toes
- If you're happy and you know it
- Hello song
- 5 currant buns
- 5 little men in...



### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This area includes fine and gross motor control and self-care independence, as well traditional PE lessons (when we will complete a fundamentals unit in Autumn 1 and gymnastics in Autumn 2). During this term we will focus on building up core strength and finger dexterity. Please help us by teaching your child to independently change their shoes, and put on + zip or button coats, thank you ©