



# Half Term Curriculum Overview

Reception Autumn Term 2 2023

## Literacy

Our focus texts this half term are "Festival of Colour", "Leaf Man", "Stick Man". The literacy texts for this half term will help us explore changes in our natural environment from autumn to winter. These texts will also help us to explore different festivals and the traditions within them. We will discuss the characters and settings in each story. We will be using our listening and comprehension skills to try and sequence events in a story to make our own story maps. We will begin to use our phonics knowledge to write simple words and phrases.

Our fairytale focus text this term is Cinderella.

We will continue our 'Little Wandle Phonics' focussing on initial sounds and simple blending. This half term will incorporate our first set of digraphs – 2 letters one sound e.g. sh, th. We will be starting our group reading sessions, concentrating on decoding words, prosody and comprehension. We will continue our handwriting practice and begin to write simple words and sentences linked to our phonic work.

## Physical Development

In PE we will be working on the basic skills of balance, stopping, changing direction, jumping and hopping. We will be using a range of large and small equipment. Fine motor skills will be developed through the use of a range of tools and our 'Funky Fingers' activities.

## Homework

Practise our weekly phonic sounds. Read your Little Wandle word lists. Enjoy exploring stories together with an adult. Sound talk everyday objects and try to blend these sounds to make words e.a. h – a – t (hat)

## Understanding the World

### Autumn and Celebrations

During this half term's topic, we will be exploring changes in seasons, looking in detail at autumn. We will be spending some time in our forest school, exploring the outdoor environment and investigating the changes around us.

We will use our literacy texts the 'Festival of Colour', 'The Christmas story' and 'Cinderella' to share stories of celebrations in our households. We will look at similarities and differences between different celebrations and traditions.

We will also be looking at other celebrations occurring during the autumn term including Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day.

We will be using our senses to celebrate Diwali day, enjoying traditional music,



## Mathematics

We will be writing numbers to 5 with correct formation.

Subitising amounts to 5 (recognising amounts without counting) using tens frames

Representing amounts in a variety of ways using ten frames, numicon, different objects, with fingers etc.

How can I make my number? Composition to 5.

Understanding the language of addition and subtraction.

Using part whole models to represent amounts. One more and one less than a given amount.

Discussing and noticing shapes (circles and triangle, squares and rectangles).

Understanding positional language e.g. on top, under, next to.

## PSHE and RE

How we celebrate special occasion, focussing on Eid, Diwali and Christmas.

In our "Laughology" sessions, we will be learning about achievement and success including goal setting, perseverance and working as a team.

## Expressive Arts & Design

Exploring paint, glitter, coloured sand creating Diwali patterns. Using natural resources to create our own Leaf man and Stick man. Create dances with scarves in response to musical stimulus.

## Key Vocabulary

Numbers 1-5, subitise, same, similar, different, part, whole, 1 more, 1 less, more, fewer, shape, flat, curved, straight, side, corner  
Celebration, Diwali, Eid, Christmas, festival, achieve, succeed, team work, persevere, seasons, autumn, change.