

### Communication and Language:

The children will have many opportunities to learn new vocabulary associated with our topic and use this in their play. As they talk to others around them, they will be encouraged to explain their ideas and extend their sentences with added detail.

They will be encouraged to use the role play and small world to re-enact the stories we read in class and stories they already know.

### Mathematics:

We will be continuing to learn numbers through Number Blocks. This half term we will cover;

- Number ordering up to 20
- Counting on from a given number
- Subitising (recognising an amount without counting it)
- Part part whole (5 is made of 4 and 1 or 3 and 2)
- Estimating amounts
- Addition and subtraction

### Understanding the World:

The children will be finding out about the differences between night and daytime. We will investigate different light sources and the shadows these create.

A range of technology in the classroom will support our learning.

The children will also take part in Christmas, bonfire night and Diwali traditions (this was celebrated on the last day of Autumn 1).

### Expressive Arts and Design:

The children will be encouraged to respond to their learning through painting, music, movement and drama. We will create dances based on fireworks and will learn light and dark themed songs too.

We will be getting very creative as it gets closer to Christmas - we hope grandparents can join us for the special grandparents day.

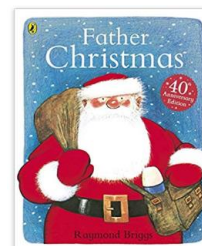
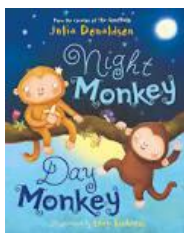
### Literacy:

**Writing:** The children will be encouraged to write for a range of different purposes and using different materials such as pencils, pens, chalk, paint and water.

They will be asked to think about the phonemes (sounds) they can hear in a word, which may be the initial sound only at this stage, and use the correct grapheme (letter) to represent them.

'Pick, flip and grip' for correct pencil hold.

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### PSED:

With new friendships established, the children will be encouraged to play cooperatively, share resources and also to use words to explain how they are feeling.

The children are comfortable with the routines of the school day now and increasingly aware of our expectations of behaviour in and around school.

As part of Warwickshire's Taking Care Project, we will deliver their Protective Behaviours programme.

### Literacy:

**Reading:** The children will be encouraged to listen to a story remember the key events and talk about them in detail. They will answer who, what, why and where questions to further their understanding.

Our key texts this half term are Day Monkey, Night Monkey, Funny Bones and Father Christmas.

### Literacy:

**Phonics:** The children will learn phonics in a group suited to their current understanding of graphemes and phonemes. This may not be with their normal class teacher. Groups will be daily at the same time for around 20 minutes.

You can support your child's phonics learning using the web site 'phonics play' or the You Tube channel Mr Thorne Does Phonics. We have learnt s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d so far.

### Physical Development:

In PE sessions, the children will be learning about dance and responding appropriately to different types of music.

In the outdoor classroom, they will have access to digging, biking, scooting and a range of PE equipment to help develop their gross motor skills.

### FOREST SCHOOLS

We are very lucky to have Mrs Smith working with each class in turn over the year to take the children to our Wishing Woods as part of the Forest Schools programme. (They will get 2 turns each) This half term Crimson class will use our Forest Schools area.

Please ensure your child has a **warm waterproof coat and wellies** in School all the time – we go out whatever the weather.