Year R

Into the Woods/Winter Wonderland

November-December 2026









Communication and language



We will be focussing on the story 'The gingerbread man' and other traditional tales. The children will learn this story using a story map and create their own actions to perform. There will be lots of storytelling activities in busy bee to choose from. The children will also be taking part in 'book talk' weekly where we will discuss different themes and questions related to a book. Chatterbox will also continue this half term.

Physical Development



We will be starting PE where the children will develop their spatial awareness skills (locomotion) Dough disco will continue.
Most days the children will have access to the bikes and scooters in our outside areas.

Personal, social and emotional development



Our PSHE Jigsaw puzzle piece this half term is focussing on celebrating differences.' If you would like more information on Jigsaw please ask.

Literacy



Early in the half term all children will be assessed in phonics and put into a smaller group based on their needs. The children will then attend these groups daily.
Handwriting is a big focus for this half term with most children having writing practice daily.
Tricky words will be introduced towards the end of the term to practice at home.

Mathematics



This half terms focus subitising, one more and one less. Closer to Christmas the children will be exploring repeating pattern. Most children are focussing on numbers 1-10.

Expressive arts and design



The children will be colour mixing with paint and exploring collage techniques this half term.
We will be learning the songs and movements for our Christmas performance.

Understanding of the world



We are learning about Bonfire night and Remembrance this half term. As the weather gets colder, we will be observing changes in our environment. We will also be looking at Christmas around the World.

Ways you can help your child with literacy:

- Practise saying the sounds and writing the correct letter formation using the sheets we send home.
- Read at least 3 times a week.

Ways you can help your child with numeracy:

- Have fun with numbers at home.
- Look out for number in the environment

Parent and carers' information:

- 1st December Parent Decorations
- Look out for messages on Dojo!







Thank you for your continued support…

Sparrows Class: Miss Daniels, Mrs Poate, Miss Pryke & Mrs Wilkinson
Starlings Class: Miss Smees, Mrs Vickery-Sales & Mrs Hunt
Woodpeckers: Mrs Pounds, Mrs Smith and Mrs Standley-Gray