

## Communication and language



We will be focussing on the stories of the Gruffalo and the Gingerbread Man. The children will be learning the stories using a story map and will be creating their own versions. There will be lots of storytelling activities in busy bee to choose from. The children will also be taking part in 'book chat' weekly where we will discuss different themes and questions related to a book. Chatterbox will also continue this half term.

## Physical Development



In PE this half term we are focussing on ball skills. The children will be learning to throw, catch, roll and kick a ball safely. Hand gym and dough gym will continue for the children who need it. Most days the children will have access to the bikes and scooters in our outside areas.

## Personal, social and emotional development



The children will continue to have family time daily with a variety of activities. Our PSHE Jigsaw puzzle piece this half term is focussing on celebrating differences. If you would like more information on Jigsaw please ask.

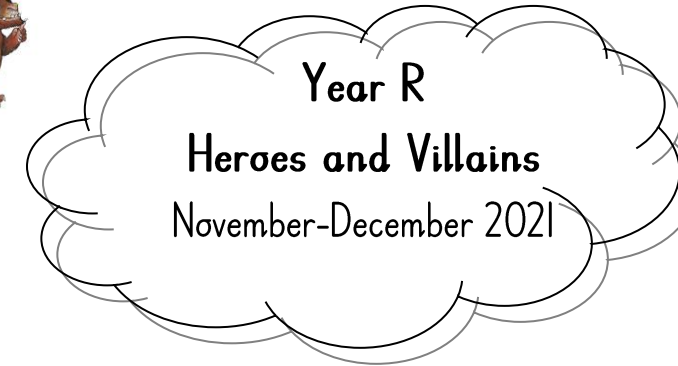
## Literacy



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.

Gruffalo words set I have been sent home and children will receive a new set once the previous words have been assessed and they are confident with them.



## Mathematics



This half terms focus is one more, one less and subitising. Closer to Christmas the children will be exploring repeating pattern. Most children are focussing on numbers 11-20.

## Understanding of the world



We are learning about Diwali, 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.

## Expressive arts and design



The children will be printing with paint and exploring collage techniques this half term.

We will be learning the songs and movements for our Christmas Nativity.

Ways you can help your child with literacy:

- Read with your child at least 3 times a week.
- Practise saying the sounds and writing the correct letter formation.
- Use the word time sheet to practise blending sounds to read words.
- **Reading books will be changed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**

Ways you can help your child with numeracy:

- Have fun with numbers at home.
- Try the Topmarks and LCF maths websites at home.

Parent and carers' information:

- PE day is every Wednesday
- Last day of term is 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- Look out for messages on Dojo!

Thank you for your continued support...  
Starlings Class: Mrs Green and Mrs Russell  
Woodpeckers Class: Miss Clark and Mrs Chalmers  
Sparrows Class: Miss Brimecome and Miss Pryke  
Year R ELSA: Mrs Sayer