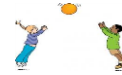


## Communication and language



We will be focussing on the story 'The gingerbread man'. 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



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 will be introduced towards the end of the term to practice at home. A new set will be sent home once the previous words have been assessed and they are confident with them.

## 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 printing 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 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.

## Thank you for your continued support...

Sparrows Class: Miss Brimecome, Mrs Vickery-Sales and Mrs Wilkinson,  
Starlings Class: Miss Smees, Mrs Russell and Mrs Pounds  
Year R ELSA: Mrs Sayer

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:

- Look out for number in the environment
- Counting songs
- Top marks website

Parent and carers' information:

- PE day is every **Wednesday**
- Last day of term is 15th December
- Please make sure your child has a coat
- Autumn walk Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Nativity date to be confirmed

**Superheroes wanted!**



Do we have any parents that are 'real life superheroes? We would like any parents who are vets, front line workers, police or in the Navy to come in and talk to the children about their jobs. If you are interested, please could you speak directly with Miss Brimecome? Thank you!

