



### Physical Development

All children will have PE on a Friday morning. They will be required to come to school in clothes suitable for PE and for the rest of the day.

### Phonics

In our first half term, we begun to learn our phonics sounds. This term we will be learning even more sounds and using them to help us read and write letters and words. We have phonics lessons everyday where we learn a new sound or put our secure sounds into practice.

Once a week we write independently, which goes into our big write books. We will be excited to share these with you in parents evening.

### Our Topic:

### Fireworks, Festivals and Fortune!



OUR FOCUS THIS HALF TERM IS FIREWORKS, FESTIVALS AND FORTUNE

### Expressive Arts and Design

We have so many opportunities to get crafty this term! We will get messy making fireworks, we will use clay to make divas and we will make a selection of Christmas crafts to decorate our Oak and Willow class Christmas tree!

### Books we will be reading this half term:

Focus stories: **Pumpkin Soup**, **Rama and Sita** and **Stickman!**

Our 10 story time reads:

The Tiger Who Came for Tea, The Gruffalo, Where the Wild Things are, The Three Little Pigs, Gorilla, Room on the Broom, The colour monster, The Proudest Blue (Mr T's favourite), Oi Frog and Alans Big Scary Teeth.

Numeracy: We will be focusing on comparing, remembering and knowing the amount numbers reflect. You can support us with this by saying things like which plate has more beans? And... how do you know? The more we talk about number the bigger our brains get.

### Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This is our favourite term for understanding the world. We will look at different celebrations including Diwali and Christmas. We will talk about celebrations we have in our houses and how they may be the same or different to others.

### Communication and Language

We will focus on using kind words with both adults and our friends within school. We will develop our conversations within circle time. We will start to hear and use new language both in lesson time and when we are getting busy in our learning environment.

Learning together at home: Your child will know more and more sounds as this term goes on. **Read together everyday** so your child becomes confident with story telling, maybe they can spot sounds they know in the text; even some simple words! Count to 10 with your child and sing number songs at home. Use the reading pack we provide to further your child's, reading, writing and phonics skills as much as possible.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

We know how to be kind to others now, so we will use our learnt boundaries to continue to make good choices. We will engage with quite time everyday, where we meditate and work on understanding our different emotions.