EYFS CURRICULUM NEWS
AUTUMN TERM 2
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As mini learners we will study some of our favourite familiar tales, like the 'Three Little Pigs', 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'The Ginger Bread Man'. We will learn new vocabulary, explore the meaning of words and adapt the original story to include our own ideas. We will develop our imagination by scribing stories for children, allowing all to develop their storytelling skills. We will discuss our likes and dislikes in stories, identify rhyme, alliteration and predict what may happen next. We also look in depth at the Nativity story and discover pantomimes.

In Drawing Club we will develop our imagination as storytellers and begin to add special words and codes to our fabulous creations. In connection to our storytelling, we may create and bake some of our story characters, and hope that they don't run away from us!

As the seasons change, we study Winter and compare it to Autumn, looking at weather and visual differences outside. We get excited about frost and colder days, incorporating polar animals and a little bit of North Pole excitement! We end the term with Christmas craft and lots of glittery sparkle!

Literacy - As mini readers and writers, we will learn letters as individual sounds and how to write them. We are beginning to hear the blend of sounds in word and eventually to recognize and read words, including the pesky tricky words, which we need to learn by sight. As part of their phonic teaching, the children will have opportunities to begin to segment the sounds written in words to be able to sound it out to read words in print. Children are encouraged to write new sounds and apply them in their emergent writing. We are using pictures to support writing labels and the Read Write inc handwriting phrases help develop letter formations.

Mathematics - As mini mathematicians we will learn to subitise and represent numbers 1 through to 5. We will begin to explore one more and one less with these numbers and begin number composition work with numbers 1-5. We will identify and name circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides. We will also explore how shapes are composed of different shapes. We finish the term being able to identify and combine shapes with 4 sides.

RE and PSHE - As mini thinkers we will discuss and listen to how others celebrate festivals and special times. Including within this we will explore the use of music, costumes, food and celebration activities including fireworks, and creating poppies. The children will also take part in whole school assembly for remembrance. We will consider why we give gifts to others and the reason and sentiment behind giving cards and letters to special people.

PE – As mini athletes, Mr Deverall is teaching children ball skills, focusing on their gross motor skills and supporting the development of our fine motor skills, used in writing. Activities include children being in control of balls when throwing, rolling, bouncing and kicking balls. We use cones and targets as aims and teach children to improve their aim and accuracy during practice sessions and games. We continue to build fine motor control through activities such as threading, cutting, weaving, and playdough. Developing our core strength to enable us to sit comfortably for carpet time and whilst at tables for writing. Develop our muscle tone and digit strength to put pencil pressure on paper and reinforcing the coordination and pencil grip for the child's dominant hand.

Expressive Arts and Design – As mini artists and creators the children get to perform their Nativity show to the school and to parents. Taking on narrations, dance and acting parts. We are very excited to be able to bring you our performance of 'A Miracle in Town', recognizing and celebrating the importance of this special time of year. We will design and create different decorations and combine activities with their shape knowledge to create cards for our families and friends.