

Welcome back. We hope that Puffin's and Sparrows had an enjoyable half term break. This letter will inform you of the learning we will cover during this half term.

**Reminders:** Please check that names are still clear on every item of uniform and make sure that the uniform your child is wearing adheres to the School's uniform policy. Every child should bring a coat to school every day. They may also keep a raincoat on their peg in school. We kindly ask you to donate a box of tissues and thank you for the donations we have received. We will encourage children to 'catch their cold' in a tissue, to minimise the spreading of those nasty coughs and colds during the winter months. Please continue to check your home-school diary each evening and make sure it is in your child's book bag every day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Brown, Miss Cummings, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Bloor, Mrs Gillani, Mrs Totton and Mrs Jones

### Mathematical Development

We will be learning to...

- Use positional and directional language. We will use the words 'over', 'under', 'around', 'behind' and 'through' to describe journeys in our key stories.
  - Find the total by counting on and use the vocabulary involved in addition. On a map we have made, we will count the number of steps taken to travel from one place to another, then count on to find out how many steps in total to reach our final destination.
- ★Talk about journeys you take with your child to help develop their mathematical language e.g. **over** the bridge, **across** the road and **through** the park.
- ★Practise counting on - count your footsteps to one place, then count on from that number as you travel to the next place, to find out how many steps altogether.



### Reception: Autumn 2 2017

#### Journeys & Celebrations.

Special Events –

All Saints Day

Remembrance Day

Christmas



### Understanding of the World

We are learning to...

- Look closely at similarities, differences and change. We will think about how places can look, sound and feel different, and how things change as they heat up or cool down.
- Understand how technology in the kitchen can be used to heat, cool and freeze.
- Understand that we can use an app to create a film character and an iPad camera to record a movie clip for a film.

In R.E. we will learn...

- **Why Christmas is special for Christians. We will read, act out and talk about the Nativity Story.**

**Communication and Language** We will be learning to...

- Extend our vocabulary by learning interesting words to describe characters and places in the stories 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.
- Use language to imagine and re-create roles, and listen and respond to ideas expressed by others. We will have fun 'hot seating' where we take turns to pretend to be a story character. We will ask the character questions and learn to answer in role.

★Think of some questions that you would like to ask a favourite story character.

**Literacy** We will be learning to...

- Hear and say the initial sounds in words, then segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together when reading and writing.
- Write labels and captions. We will learn to write phrases for a story, a short script for a film and some Christmas lists and letters.

★If you are able to volunteer and help us by listening to the children read please speak to the office to check that your DBS is up to date, or if you are new to reading, the office staff will go through the process with you. Any help will be gratefully appreciated. Children will begin bringing reading books home this half term.



### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

**PSHE - Celebrating Difference**

We are learning to...

- Describe ourselves in positive terms.
  - Begin to negotiate and solve problems when something goes wrong.
  - We will think about what makes us a good friend and how we can work with a friend to solve a problem.
- ★At home encourage your child to use words to say what is wrong if they are angry or unhappy. Talk together about how you could resolve the problem.



**Physical Development** We will be learning to...

- Use tools, objects and materials safely and with increasing control. We will use scissors to cut materials for crafts, learn to weave with paper to make a blanket, and sew around a Christmas stocking.
  - Experiment with different ways of moving and create combinations of movements in P.E. Dance lessons.
- ★When changing for bed or getting dressed in the morning, please show your child how to turn their clothes the right way around from being inside out after taking them off. This will really help them to get changed more easily for P.E.

### Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning to...

- Experiment to create different textures. We will make a 'Bear Hunt' texture map.
  - Create representations of people and places. We will make a puppet and scene for a film.
- ★Try making a stick, spoon or sock puppet or painting a scene from a favourite story of film.