

## Literacy

This half term our focus story will be 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We will be using story maps and puppets to help us join in with the repeated refrains and begin retell the stories ourselves.

We will continue to encourage children to give meaning to the marks they make when painting and drawing and practise writing our names each morning.

## The World

This half term the children will be learning about nocturnal and diurnal animals and their habitats.

We will also encourage the children to discuss changes they notice in the environment as the season changes.

## Expressive Arts and Design



Alongside our daily singing sessions, we will be learning lots of new songs in preparation for our Christmas performance video.



We will continue to encourage the children to express their ideas and experiences by drawing, painting, building, telling stories through role-play and with small world resources.



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## Building skills and values for life



We hope you all had a lovely half term break, we have loved hearing the children talk about your adventures.

Our topic this half term is "Light and dark". We will be learning about celebrations and festivals such as Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas and our focus story will be 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. This booklet outlines what we will be learning about in each area of the curriculum.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming to speak to us!

Thank you,  
Miss Tomlinson and Mrs Newton

## Personal, Social, Emotional Development

We will continue to support children to develop their abilities to share, take turns and make new friends as we move in the new half term.

We will begin to recognise and talk about the emotions of characters within stories.

## Communication & Language

We recently introduced Poetry Basket and will continue to learn a new rhyme each week. This will support the children to develop new vocabulary.

We will continue to support the children to ask and answer questions appropriately, engage in conversations with their peers and develop play ideas within a group.

## Physical Development

We have daily outdoor sessions where we encourage children to explore moving in a range of ways such as running and climbing. We have PE equipment such as bats, balls and skittles for children to use and develop games as a group. We also have daily dance or yoga sessions each morning.

We will be showing the children what equipment we have to promote their fine motor skills, including tweezers and threading resources.

## Maths

This half term, we will be learning to recognise and name 2d shapes. We will support the children to develop their understanding of properties of shapes eg. a square has 4 corners and 4 straight sides that are the same length.

We will be learning to compare quantities such language such as more and fewer and begin to compare size and weight of objects.

Children will be encouraged to represent number through mark making activities eg. 3 lines to represent number 3.