

### Communication and Language

We will continue to learn new vocabulary linked to our experiences. Starting with Bonfire Night, we will explore and use our new words as much as possible. Our 'Interesting Word of the Day' posters will help us to do this.

We will learn new rhymes, songs and poems as part of our Nativity rehearsals and explore the new words we encounter, paying attention to how they sound.

### Maths

We will continue to develop our counting skills through a daily Maths session, alongside varied opportunities throughout the day to apply and practice these skills. We will work with numbers up to 5, exploring cardinality (understanding the last number you say when counting tells you how many there are) and composition (different ways numbers can be made). We will begin to introduce numerals, relating these to numbers we can subitise and count.

### Understanding of the World

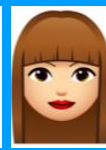
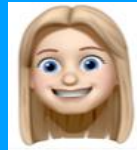
Each day, we will continue to talk about the changing weather and seasonal features, then update our weather charts.

As part of our Christmas topic, we will make a visit to the local church. We will learn about the experiences of others and talk about how different people celebrate Christmas. We hope to be able to share our experiences with members of the local community to find out about Christmas past and present.

### Personal, Social, Emotional Development

As part of our topic, 'Celebrating Differences', the children will be thinking about things they are good at whilst understanding that everyone is good at different things. We will talk about being different and how that makes us special but also recognising that we are the same in some ways.

### Curriculum Overview



EFYS  
Autumn 2

### RE

We will be learning about the Nativity Story in the run up to Christmas. We will listen to the story and perform a Nativity to an audience. We will learn about the different characters in the story and talk about how they are special. We will connect the story to our own experiences and talk about feelings when a new baby arrives in the family.

### The Arts

As part of our Nativity performance, we will be learning lots of new creative skills this half term. We will be learning new songs to sing in a group, trying hard to match the pitch and melody. We will be exploring and engaging in music making and dance, and of course performing to an audience.

We will also be exploring and using a variety of artistic effects and skills through our craft projects.

### Phonics & Reading

Children will continue to learn the sounds and names of the phase 2/3 letters in their daily phonics sessions, along with some tricky words. They will have numerous opportunities to apply and practice this new knowledge throughout the day. Blending and segmenting will be given a high priority, so that all children are confident with these skills. Children will continue to bring home books, games and resources to support them with this.

### Physical Development

We will continue to develop our fine motor skills through regular 'Dough Disco' sessions and also by visiting our new 'Finger Gym'. Here we can strengthen our muscles to ensure we are ready for writing. In the Outdoor area, we will develop our skills using a variety of wheeled toys and large construction equipment.

In PE, we will work towards developing a more fluent style of movement, with poise, grace and moments of stillness.