

Reading:

These are our key texts for this half term:

The Squirrels Who Squabbled
Tree: Seasons Come, Seasons Go
Blue Penguin
The Jolly Christmas Postman
Little Owl and The Star

At home: This term we will be sending home books from our Nursery book swap box. Please make sure that you are sharing stories every day.

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

This term we will be focusing on managing our feelings and emotions. We have enjoyed getting to know our class, and we are now practising taking turns and sharing resources. We will also continue circle time and getting to know you activities. In RE we will be learning about God's place for us in his Family, and our school community.

Writing:

We will be beginning to mark make for a purpose, such as writing our own stories and writing letters to send to Father Christmas. We will also be practising writing our name so Father Christmas knows who the letter is from!

At home: Practice writing your child's name with them, only using capitals where appropriate, e.g. Una rather than UNA.

Understanding the World:

This half term our RE focus is God's Family. We will be learning that Advent is a preparation for Christmas. We will also come to know the story of the birth of Jesus and reflect on how important this is for us. We will also be learning about celebrations in our own community, such as Christmas and St Catherine's Day, and celebrations around the world, such as Hannukah and Diwali.

Maths:

We will continue to explore numbers in the environment, practising our cardinality and counting, developing our understanding that the cardinal value of a number refers to the quantity, or 'howmanyness' of things it represents

At home: Encourage and model counting things out in real life situations, e.g. Can you put 4 forks on the table?

Communication and Language:

Now that we are familiar with the environment and confident to communicate with the staff, we will be developing our sentence structures and vocabulary this term. We will be practising using full sentences, and learning some new vocabulary.

Phonics:

We will be playing with our voices to make new and familiar sounds. We will also be thinking of words to describe different voice and environmental sounds. We will also be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week

At home: Can you learn some new Nursery rhymes?

Expressive Arts and Design:

We will be exploring the changing seasons through art. We will create some autumnal and winter artworks, and we will explore at how some famous painters portrayed the weather. We will also be role playing, singing, and acting in our drama areas. We will also be learning some songs and making decorations for Christmas!