



## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we are going to continue to work on this area of the curriculum. We will be encouraging the children to become more independent. We will also continue to support children to take turns, to share and to look after the resources in the classroom.

**NOTE:** We are aware that children of EYFS age may, at times, bring items home that belong to School. Staff understand that young children often make this mistake and that it is part of the learning process. However, we would be most grateful to parents who bring school items back into school.

## Our topic this half term is 'Fairy Tales'

We will be looking at a lot of our favourite traditional tales this half term. Some of the children's favourites are Goldilocks and the 3 bears, The Gingerbread Man and Little Red Riding Hood. Your children will be learning to tell the stories so please ask them to tell you the stories at home!

We have lots of exciting activities planned to help your child learn more about these stories. Your children will be doing lots of reading, playing, making and doing.

## How can you help at home?

- Encourage your child to complete their homework independently. It is important that you help them without doing it for them. Don't worry if it's not perfect, it is just important that your child has a try and this will help develop their confidence.
- Please read with your child and practise their sight words **every** day. Reading with your child daily will make a huge difference to their learning. It is also important that you leave feedback in your child's learning log (FS2)
- Sharing a story book at bedtime will help your child to develop many reading skills and also to develop a love of books and reading.
- Please engage with your child's learning experiences during morning sessions. Their learning time with you is valuable.

## Mathematics

### **This half term we will be focusing on Numbers**

In FS1 we will be singing lots of number songs. The children will be learning to say numbers 1 to 10 in order. We will be doing number activities every day and will be counting and using numbers in our play, both inside and outside the classroom.

In FS2 we are working on numbers to 20. We will begin to recognise the numbers. We will also be working on understanding 1 more and 1 less. We will begin to use addition and subtraction in our number work.

## Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has their book bag in school on their specified reading day and a PE kit each week (FS2)
- It is very cold outside so it is important that your child has a warm coat in school, every day.
- All children must have a spare set of clothes in school at all times.
- Please return homework each Wednesday (FS1)
- All your children's clothing must be labelled. Without labels, we may not be able to find items that go missing.
- Should your child need to borrow any of our spare clothing then please make sure you return it to school. Sadly, last year many items of clothing were not returned.
- **ALL** FS2 children have now received their homework sheet. Please work with your child to complete an activity each week and return the completed homework during the final week of this half term.

**Thank you for all the Homework returned last half term. Your children were very proud of their work and enjoyed sharing it with their friends.**

## Communication and Language

### **This is one of the most important areas of our curriculum-**

In FS1 we will be supporting your child by providing a language rich environment. By modelling good language and by giving your children many speaking and listening opportunities.

In FS 2 we are concentrating on questioning. We will be working on understanding and answering questions. We will also be giving the children the opportunity to ask a range of different questions.