



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2! Well done to all children for settling in so well and growing in confidence during the first term. We're looking forward to a fantastic term full of new topics and no doubt a wonderful Nativity.

### **Literacy, Oracy & Language**

Daily phonics lessons continue, learning new sounds and spellings for these. In addition, the children will be learning key skills in reading and writing. We are starting the term looking at non-fiction writing including labels, lists and captions for our own machines we will create. We go on to learn about stories from different countries and cultures and looking at books with repetitive patterns.

### **Mathematics**

The children will sort objects and information in order to help them answer a question and display their results using simple data collection charts and use pictures or objects to display their data. They will also be learning about solving problems, reading the time, and using practical and mental methods for addition and subtraction.

### **Understanding the World**

Our new theme of Navigation will be explored this term. Children will be studying globes; creating their own maps, learning about directions and compass points as well as taking part in a treasure hunt. In Science, we will be continuing to explore sources of light and the causes of shadows. The children will explore how shadows change throughout the day. We will also begin to explore seasonal change, investigating the impact seasonal weather has on plants and animals.

### **Physical Development**

This term the children will be focusing on developing coordination, agility, and ball skills through Football. Alongside Football they will participate in Dance, becoming aware of the shapes and space they can create and learn how to blend movements together using music.

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We also spend time discussing issues that arise with this term's theme 'Getting on and falling out', providing children opportunities to understand and explore our friendships.

### **Creative Development**

Children will be continuing their specialist music lessons where they will be learning songs for the Nativity in preparation for performances in December. We also practise our sketching and drawing skills linked to our Navigation theme.

### **Homework**

Well done with the children's progress already seen regarding reading. Please continue to listen to your children read every day for 20 minutes. Daily phonics homework will continue to be set

relating to the sound of the day in our phonics lessons and weekly spellings will be set utilising familiar sounds from the week.

Useful websites to support and reinforce your child's learning can be found below. Any queries or questions, please feel free to see me or make an appointment through Mrs Bailey.

Best regards

*Miss Quinby*

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