

# Squirrel Lodge Autumn 2 2019 Topic -Autumn/Christmas



Dear Parents/ Carers.

This is an overview of what the children in Squirrel Lodge will be learning during the second half of the Autumn Term.

### Mark making/Writing/Physical Development

The children will be mark making both indoor and outdoor. They will be encouraged to use their gross motor control by kicking and throwing balls, using bats, balancing on our equipment and using our climbing frame. The children will be painting and drawing lots of pictures of the fireworks, poppies and Christmas.

#### Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to talk about things they observe and enjoy doing. We will be looking at the woodland animals such as foxes, hedgehogs and squirrels. The children will look at where the animals live and what they eat. We will also talk about Bonfire night and keeping safe. We will be talking about Christmas and the children will be sending letters to Santa.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be encouraging the children to interact and play with their friends by, sharing toys and being friendly. We will continue to implement the classroom rules.

#### **WOW Moments**

If your child does something amazing at home like using new words or using the potty can you please record the event on a WOW moment sheet and return it to your child's keyworker to put in their Learning Journey.

#### Time to Talk

The children will begin to participate in our Time to Talk sessions. These will help the children with their communication and language skills.

#### Wet and cold weather

Can you please send your child to school with wellies and appropriate outdoor clothing, including gloves, hats and coats.

#### DIARY DATES:

Children in Need: 15.11.19 Parents evening: 18.11.19 Parents Christmas crafts:

27,11,19

Christmas concert:

09.12.19 (pm children)

10.12.19 (am children)

Christmas Jumper Day: 13.12.19

Visit from Santal: 16.12.19 Christmas Party: 17.12.19

#### Readina

The children will be reading lots of different books with the focus being on woodland animals and Christmas.







#### **Mathematics**

This term we will continue to focus on recognising and counting numbers 1 to 5. We will begin to look at basic 2d shapes such as a circle, square, triangle and rectangle. We will also be encouraging the children to match objects to numbers.

# Understanding the World

The children will be vising Bob's Garden to explore the outdoor environment. They will be looking at changes that take place in Autumn. We will be using the ipads and interactive whiteboard to look at woodland animals, fireworks and Christmas.

# Being Imaginative and Music

This term our role play in the classroom will be a home corner. In the outdoor area the children can role play in the wooden house, experiment with musical instruments and singing on our stage area. If your child has a favourite song they like to sing and dance to please let us know, especially any Christmas songs! We will also be making bird feeders for our outdoor area.