

# Welcome to Autumn 2 in Reception

## Here is a brief summary of what will we be learning this term:

As writers, we will be learning the story of Baby Hedgehog – A story all about a little hedgehog who gets lost walking down the wibbly wobbly lane. She meets various creatures on her search to find her mummy and all is well in the end. The children will change some of the characters from the story and retell their own new version. With support and scaffolding, some children will have a go at writing some parts of their story too.

In handwriting, we will continue to learn how to form all lower case letters correctly as we are introduced to them in our phonics. We will focus on pencil grip and formation of these letters.

In Sounds-Write, the children will continue to be introduced to more of the initial sounds and use these sounds to read and spell CVC words.

In reading, we will continue to explore a wide variety of picture books, focusing our teaching on the book '**Wave**' by **Suzu Lee**. We will be asking the children to talk about what they can see in the pictures, using stem sentences and make predictions about the story.

As mathematicians, we will be subitising, representing and exploring the value of numbers up to 5 using practical resources such as Numicon, dominoes, dice and counters. They will start to learn about composition of numbers to 5, thinking about wholes and parts of objects. They will be identifying and naming shapes (circle, triangle and 4 sided shapes) We will be exploring shapes that we can see in the environment and describing their position.

To understand the world around us, we will be exploring festivals including Bonfire Night and Christmas. We will also learn about Remembrance Day.

As artists, we will be busy rehearsing for our nativity performance, learning new songs and dances. We will also be experimenting with colours and making decorations.

As designers, we will be designing and creating hibernation boxes. We safely use a variety of materials and tools. We will share our creations, talking about the process.

In PSHE, we will be thinking about what we need to do to be ready to learn. We will be exploring how to recognise and managing our own feelings. We will identify how sadness makes us feel and suggest at least one strategy to help. The Life Education Centre will also be visiting to talk about keeping healthy in their interactive session - 'All About Me'.

As scientists, we will be exploring the changing states of matter. For example, when a material changes form, like from a solid to a liquid, this is a physical change.

In PE, we will be negotiating space and obstacles safely and exploring the apparatus with consideration for themselves and others.

As musicians, we are using our voices and simple percussion instruments to perform songs for our Christmas play.

### Important Dates:

- **Phonics and Handwriting Workshop – 11th November**
- **Parents evening - 12th and 13th November**
  - **Tuesday 2nd December – Farm Trip**
- **9th and 10th December Nativity performance**

