



# Woodland Newsletter

## Year 1

## Autumn 2



### ENGLISH

In English, we are using the poetry book 'Out and About' by Shirley Hughes to explore rhythm, rhyme and patterns used in different poems. We will explore and interpret individual poems and unpick the author's choice of language to represent a theme. We will discover what nouns and adjectives are, identify them in poems and create our own exciting noun phrases. We will learn a poem from the book and perform it to the rest of the class, before composing our own poems to create a class poetry book. In Phonics we are learning the common ways of reading and writing all 44 phonemes in the English language and choosing the most appropriate phoneme to spell words more accurately.

### MATHS

In Maths, we will begin the half term by learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s to solve problems. We will then move on to fractions, where we will be finding half of shapes, objects and quantities. We will be solving practical problems to measure capacity and volume, this will involve us estimating, measuring and comparing how much liquid different containers can hold. We will begin to recognise the value of coins and end the half term learning about time, where we will be sequencing events in chronological order and using language relating to days, weeks and months.

### SCIENCE

Our key question this half term is 'Why does it get darker earlier in the Winter?'. We will be observing the changes across the four seasons and describing the weather associated with each season. We will create a weather chart to monitor weather changes and discuss how daylight varies throughout the year.

### TOPIC

Our topic enquiry this half term is 'Where do the leaves go in the Winter?'. We will begin by giving our opinion on artists' representations of the four seasons and using this to create our own seasonal collages and paintings. We will consider how the four seasons impact what we do throughout the year, including the clothes we wear and the activities we do outside. We will identify hot and cold countries on a world map and com-

#### READING, SPELLINGS AND HOMEWORK:

- Children should be trying to read at home every night and it is vital that their reading books come back into school every day.
- Please continue to practice reading and writing the tricky words, found on the Phonics resources provided to you.

### PE

Children need to remember their PE kit each week, this should be black shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps or trainers. Earrings must either be removed or plasters provided to cover them. All PE kit must have the children's name in so we can make sure items get returned to the correct

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Your class teachers are always available to chat after school if you have any problems. Please also make sure that your child is arriving on time, at 8.45am every morning.