

Welcome back!

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term break. It has been wonderful to see the children come back confidently and ready to learn. We always find that this half term whizzes by and it will be Christmas before we know it!

We have a busy few weeks ahead of us starting off with us learning about Autumn and then moving on to World Nursery Rhyme week where we hope to immerse the children in magic of rhyme and songs.

## **Important Dates**

World Nursery Rhyme Dress up Day – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November
Stay and play morning – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 8:30-9am or 12:30-1pm
Nursery Carol concert – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm

### **Topic**

This half term we will start with an Autumn theme in which we will learn about seasons and think about animals that hibernate. Then we move onto learning about different celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas.

We will be enjoying looking at the following stories over the next few weeks.



#### Number

This half term we will continue practising using our 1:1 correspondence.

We will also be exploring 2D shapes, discussing their names and seeing if we can spot them in the environment. Perhaps you can go on a shape hunt and see what shapes you can find indoors and outside!



# **Writing and Phonics**



This half term we are focusing on name recognition and meaningful mark making. Please try and encourage your child to recognise their name at home as this will help support them in being independent in school. We encourage opportunities for writing all areas of learning but will be encouraging children to make the link between their marks and them being meaningful. We do this by encouraging writing for a purpose such as writing Christmas lists and birthday cards for their friends birthdays.

#### Reminders

Now that the weather is changing we would appreciate it if all children would have a pair of named wellies in school. This will enable them to explore our wonderful garden whatever the weather!

Pop your child's name in all clothing – this will help us locate it when it goes for a walk about!

