



Goldthorn Park Primary School

Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery – Winter & Traditional tales

Spring Term 2017-18



Welcome back

Happy New Year! Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday. We begin the Spring term by learning about Winter and traditional tales. We will use this as a basis for planning the different areas of the curriculum where possible. We will also be learning about celebrations including Pancake Day, Chinese New Year and Mother's Day. Our learning takes place through a mix of adult led and child initiated sessions indoors and outdoors. The children's interests guide our planning and provision wherever possible.

Communication and Language

Across the curriculum, children will develop their speaking, listening and attention and understanding skills. Children are encouraged to listen to others and express themselves in a variety of situations. There will be an emphasis on broadening vocabulary through stories, role play, discussion and topic work.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

There will be an emphasis on cooperative play, participation and listening to others within small groups. We will continue to stress the importance of caring for our immediate environment.

Physical Development

Children will continue to have indoor and outdoor opportunities to develop an awareness of the different ways they can move their bodies. There will be a focus on handling tools, including pencils, with increasing control. There are also P.E. sessions; concentrating on space awareness, balance and coordination.

Literacy

Small group work will focus on a variety of activities which develop a greater awareness of phonemes and word building. Children are learning to recognise their own name by self-registering and by practising the formation of the letters of their name. Children are encouraged to participate in story time by choosing a book, joining in repeated refrains and through discussion. Each week parents are invited to choose a share-a-story book with their child. Every opportunity is taken for children to see writing or 'mark making' as a means of communication.

Mathematics

Children will learn to use counting skills, develop number recognition and language relating to size, and quantity in group time and everyday situations. There will also be more structured and focused activities involving these skills.

Understanding the World

Learning journeys will continue as a valuable record of progress and achievement. We hope you enjoy looking through the journal this term during Family Learning sessions and we would very much appreciate any photos, pictures or work from home you may wish to contribute. As well as our 'winter' topic we will celebrate Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, Mother's Day and Easter.

Expressive Arts and Design

Children will continue to have opportunities to explore a variety of materials and will also have skill based sessions for cutting and sticking, joining etc. They will be able to construct and create in small and big scale activities. Children have opportunities each week to participate in singing songs and rhymes, to play and move to music and to engage in role play.