Lilac and Beech Parent Information Letter

Autumn 2, 2024

Literacy

Reading — This half-term we will be sharing stories all our families and the community we are part of. But first we will be looking at the seasonal changes with the story 'Leaf Man' and learning about all of the important events that take part this time of year; Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday and Diwali. We will follow Stickman on his adventure around different communities as he tries to get home to his family. We will continue to learn Phonics Phase 2 following the Little Wandle scheme. Writing—We will be using the phonics we have learnt to start writing for lots of different purposes-captions, labels and maybe Christmas lists!

Understanding of the World-During this half term we will be taking a walk around our local area. Thinking about the journey Stickman takes, we will look at the canal, the river and all of the different homes and buildings in our fantastic Rylands community. We will also be learning about the importance of Remembrance Day and the history of Bonfire Night. Diwali celebrations will have taken place during the holidays so we will be learning all about this special festival.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)- Now we have all settled in and have made lots of friends we will be thinking more about our emotions and how we can manage them and feel good. We will be learning how to work as a team and share ideas and resources with friends. Towards the end of the term we will be looking back at our first term at Trent Vale and thinking ahead to the New Year.

**Maths-** In maths we follow the White Rose Scheme. This half-term we will be finishing 'It's Me 123' then working on the units 'Circles and Triangles' and '1,2,3,4,5'.

As '1,2,3,4,5' will make up the majority of our learning here is a link to a relevant parent's section on White Rose Maths

https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent -pupil-resources/maths/homelearning?year=early-years

Families and Communities



**Physical Development-** In class we will continue to build those fine motor skills with lots of work involving scissors and other age appropriate, safe tools.

In PE, with Mr Devivo, we will be working on Gymnastics. We will be making different shapes will our bodies, jumping and balancing in different ways as well as using the apparatus safely.

**Expressive arts and design-**There will be lots of D&T projects this half term so we can practise attaching parts, using hole punches and staplers. We will also be taking part in lots of singing and performing in the run up to our Christmas performance.

Communication and Language (CLL)-This half term we will talking a lot about the changes we observe outsides. We will be learning how to answer trickier questions about our stories and retell them with the help of story maps. We will also be learning a new poem to perform in front of the rest of the school.

## Sticky Knowledge

## UW-The Natural World

- 1. I know in Winter some trees have no leaves
- 2. I can name some months in this season
- 3. I can describe the weather and know what season it relates to UW-Past and Present
- 1. I know why we have Remembrance Day
- 2. I know why Bonfire Night is important
- 3. I know the meaning of the words 'past' and 'present'

## UW-People, culture and communities (including RE)

- 1.I know which places are special and why
- 2. I know a simple Diwali and Christmas story
- 3. I know some of the features of my local community

## Key Vocabulary

Leaf	Squash	Beware	Sail	Return	Christmas	Christmas
Wind	Pumpkin	Tree	Boomerang	Home	Celebration	Gifts
Blow	Drift	Family	Journey	Family	Jesus	New Year
Autumn	Lonesome	Community	Community	Helpful	Stable	Celebration
Season	Rustle	Home	Family		Mary	festival
Remembrance					Joseph	
Travel						