

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome to Term 2! Thank you for your support with our new classes. All the children have settled in well and are excited to learn. This term children will explore celebrations around the world and will learn about different festivals. They will begin to understand different cultures and celebrations.

Please carry on supporting your child with their Phonics journey. We will keep sending the new learned sounds every Friday for your information.

This term we will be beginning our rehearsals for the Christmas Nativity. This is a very exciting time and we are looking forward to welcoming you all to our performance. Please note children will have the choice to request a speaking part and if they do not want to take part with a speaking role they do not have to. If your child is chosen to have a speaking part, please support them at home to learn their lines. Some children will only participate in the group numbers and will be learning year group songs. Every child will be participating in a way and will have lots of fun!!! **More information about this to follow.**

Miss Glanville, Miss Richards and Mrs. Weir

### English and Phonics

We will continue to follow the Little Wandle scheme focusing on decoding, prosody and comprehension. Please refer to the weekly handout about the sounds covered.

#### Books we will be using:

Room on the Broom, Stick Man, Owl Babies, Funnybones stories, Rama and Sita, The Jolly Christmas Postman Christmas Stories/Nativity

## Bear Cubs

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### PE

We will be developing the overall body strength, co-ordination, balance, and agility needed to engage successfully with future physical education sessions and other physical disciplines including dance, gymnastics and sports. Developing children's small motor skills so that they can use a range of tools competently, safely, and confidently.

### Expressive Arts and Design

Children will sing in a group or on their own, increasingly matching the pitch and following the melody.

We will use materials and colours purposefully and with control.

### Understanding the World

This term children will recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. They will also recognise some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in other countries.

### Communication and Language

This term we will be focusing on asking questions to find out more and to check children's understanding about what has been said to them. Develop social phrases and engage in story times.

### Managing Self

Independence - resources. Confidence-try new activities and making choices. Responsibility – class resources. Communicate own needs. Keep healthy –tooth-brushing.

### Self - Regulation

Communication – children will recall experiences and make and explain their choices. Children will understand how others feel, they will share experiences and discuss how these are similar and different.

### Maths

Our Maths lessons this term will delve into simple shapes and their structure. We will begin to look at sides, corners and positioning. We will also be looking at numbers to 5 and how we can subitise, represent and form these.

### PSHE

#### Celebrating Difference

We will be exploring what makes us and our families unique by looking at different family structures, homes and cultures.

### Music

We will explore, use, and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings. We will explore and engage in music making and dance, performing solo or in groups.