



# Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2



## Butterflies Class

This half term our topic is 'The BIG build up'

**As Readers** we will be beginning the term by looking at traditional tales such as The Enormous Turnip and Chicken Licken. As we move towards Christmas we will begin to read Christmas themed books such as Ten Little Elves and Santas New beard. We will continue working on our Read Write Inc programme where most children will work on 9 new sounds, l, h, r, j, v, y, w, z and x as well as consolidating their previous learned sounds (m, a, s, d, t, i, n, p, g, o, c, k, u, b, f, e). We will be focussing on developing their blending skills by orally blending sounds and reading word cards with CVC words on it.



**As Writers** we will be continuing to practice forming letters and words within our provision. Children will also be writing CVC words modelled to them during Drawing Club. Children will be supported and encouraged to write simple words and their names. We are keen to establish children writing independently and with pleasure.

**As Mathematicians** we will be continuing with our maths mastery work. We will be subitising to 5, finding one more and one less and exploring how 4 and 5 is made up for example,  $2+2$ ,  $3+2$ . We will be exploring equal and unequal amounts as well as finding out what even means. Towards the end of the term we will be exploring the concept of 'whole' and 'part' of a number. In maths snack, we will be focussing on learning about and comparing length using cucumbers, carrots and breadsticks, comparing quantities of 3, 4, 5 and 6, counting to 10 using 1 to 1 correspondence, and repeating patterns.



**As Explorers**, we will begin by looking at bonfire night and Diwali. We will explore how these festivals look in different cultures and their similarities and differences. We will also explore the history of remembrance. As we progress through the term, we will explore traditional tales and the characters found within them. Finally, as we go into the Christmas season, we will explore how Christmas is celebrated around the world, including how children in our class celebrate Christmas.

**As Artists and Designers** we will be exploring Diwali and making Diwali themed items such as rangoli patterns out of rice and clay diya lamps. We will also spend some time looking at poppies, why we use poppies to remember and making them in various forms. We will then move on to making Gingerbread themed things such as collage gingerbread men and even baking real gingerbread men! Finally, towards Christmas we will be using our creative skills to make Christmas decorations and gifts.



**Our PE lessons** are on a Friday morning. We will be looking at gymnastics this half term. We will be learning to move safely around the room, take off and land on two feet and balance and move balls and beanbags. We will also be learning to travel, to perform simple shapes and balance and to copy and repeat actions.

### Other useful information:

11<sup>th</sup> December – Butterflies Christmas Play  
13<sup>th</sup> December – Panto at Kings Lynn Butterflies

19<sup>th</sup> December – Caterpillars and Butterflies Carol show  
20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner and end of term  
7<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school

This overview is intended to give you a flavour of what we will be learning this half term. If you recognise any of this 'good learning' at home, please feel free to pop it on SeeSaw. This will help us to recognise the next steps in learning that your child needs to take.