

### As 'Happy Chatters' ...

There will continue to be lots of opportunities for talking and listening this half term. In particular we will be encouraging the children to use past tenses correctly in their conversation. Staff will also continue to model new vocabulary connected to the books we are reading and encourage the children to use these new words too. Show and Tell sessions will continue as these help children to develop both speaking and listening skills.

### As 'Brilliant Bookworms' and 'Wow Writers' ....

We will continue to have a focus text each week, which will be read multiple times to build familiarity. We will look for 'wonderful words' in the stories we read to build and extend the children's vocabulary. Our daily phonics lessons will continue. This term the children will be taught a range of digraphs, (two letters which join together to make one sound.) Children will also be learning to use phonic knowledge to write simple words independently. When it is appropriate for your child, scheme reading books will be sent home in addition to the leisure reading book your child chooses each week. A text will be sent when a new scheme book has been given. Book bags should be in school daily.

### As 'Energetic Butterflies' ...

We will continue to make good use of the Early Year's garden this half term and so please ensure that your child has a hat and gloves and even some wellie socks in school to keep them warm during outdoor play. In addition to this there will continue to be two adult led PE lessons each week. This term these will be on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. On Wednesdays we will be developing fundamental movement skills. On Fridays we will be exploring body shape as we move over, under and through the large apparatus. Children should still come to school on these days dressed in joggers/ leggings with a school sweatshirt or cardigan on top. There will continue to be a different fine motor challenge at our 'busy fingers' table each week. We will also be going over letter formation again and encouraging a good posture and pencil grip for writing. At lunchtime we will be encouraging correct use of cutlery, so you can help with this at home too!

### As 'Fantastic Friends' ...

In our weekly circle time sessions we will be talking about ways in which we can look after others and be responsible members of our school and class community. In child initiated play staff will be supporting children in continuing to build positive relationships with one another and also to extend imaginative narratives. Of course, our class teddy bear Fred Ted is looking forward to continuing his adventures with a different child each weekend too! We all love hearing about the things he has been doing when he returns to school on Monday mornings!

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### As 'Edmondsley Explorers'...

We will be exploring seasonal changes and continuing to learn about the natural world around us. This half term our learning will include thinking about winter trees, hibernation, snowflakes and ice. We will be introducing the idea of a simple 'fair test' as we explore freezing, melting and keeping dry. We will also be finding out about some effects of climate change in environments which are very different to our own and considering how we can play our part in caring for the wider world.

### As 'Marvellous Mathematicians' ...

Children will continue to have a short adult led Mathematics lesson each day. The concepts taught will then be embedded and developed through play based learning. This half term we will be focussing on developing a deeper understanding of numbers 6,7 & 8 . We will also be naming and describing shapes with 4 sides and ordering events in a day.

### This half term our topic is called **Winter Wonderland**

We will be learning all about different signs of winter and ways to keep warm and safe. We will be finding out about some very cold places and the animals who live there and we are already excited for our Winter wonderland party at the end of term!



### As 'Creative Creatures' ...

This half term we will be building upon learning from last half term as children have continued opportunities to make simple representations in both 2 and 3 dimensions. We will be revising and refining the children's ability to use a variety of joining techniques in order to facilitate more complex works of art!. In our weekly music lessons we will be adding instruments and movements to songs and rhymes as well as continuing to listen to music and sing songs in a variety of genres linked to our online music scheme 'Charanga.' There will be opportunities for role play both in the classroom and in the outdoor space.