



**Nursery**  
**Spring Term 1**  
**January- February 2025**

**Physical Development**

The children will continue taking part in daily Squiggle or Dough Disco sessions. In addition we will be starting a Games unit in PE. In this unit children will develop their understanding of playing games through the topic of 'transport'. Children will practise and further develop fundamental movement skills through games. They will also learn how to score and play by the rules, how to work with a partner and begin to understand what a team is, as well as learning how to behave when winning and losing.

**Religious Education**

Our branch this term is 'From Galilee to Jerusalem'. The children will learn that Jesus is God's Son and come into the world for everyone to show God's love. We celebrate his birth at Christmas. They will hear the story of the Wise Men visiting Jesus and discover that the Magi brought gifts for him. Children will be exposed to the 'Glory Be', which is a special prayer. They will learn that the Church prays the 'Glory Be' as a response to the coming of Jesus.

**Mathematics**

In our Maths sessions this half term will be building a deep understanding of numbers 1 & 2 and identifying representations of 1 and 2. The children will begin to subitise or count to find out how many and make their own collections of 1 or 2 objects. They will learn to match the number names to quantities and numerals and to touch count to ensure 1-1 correspondence. Finally they will begin to recognise the final number is the quantity of the set. The children will also be investigating weight through hands-on exploration. Using scales, they will compare light and heavy.

**Expressive Arts and Design**

This half term the children will be taking part in a range of baking and creative activities linked to our key texts and UTW topics. As the text we are focusing on is the Gingerbread man, we will be baking our own gingerbread men. To celebrate the Chinese New Year the children will be crafting and creating artwork focusing on the year of the dragon. The children will also be given the opportunity through continuous provision to create their own pictures and models in our junk modelling area.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

Our 'My Happy Mind' topic this half term will be 'Appreciate'.

We will be developing an attitude for gratitude. During this topic we will be focusing on three key areas; how being grateful or being thankful make us feel, the different ways to show gratitude or to express our thanks and finally the importance of taking time out to stop and be grateful or thankful.

**Communication and Language**

The children will be following our daily classroom routines which they are now familiar with, building on their confidence and independence. The children will take part in a range of listening games which will help to develop their listening and understanding skills. We will be sharing lots of stories and nursery rhymes, encouraging the children to join in with the rhymes and actions.

**Literacy**

Children will spend time daily listening to and sharing a wide range of stories, rhymes and songs. Our key texts this term are, The Colour Monster, The Colour Monster Goes to School and Pete the Cat Rocking in my School Shoes.

The children will have a wide range of mark making opportunities which will encourage them to begin to make marks and give meaning to the marks that they make. They will be encouraged to recognise and write their name independently.

In our phonics sessions the children will continue to develop their listening skills through sound discrimination. This half term the children will be focusing on identifying and continuing rhyming strings.

**Understanding the World**

This half term we will be exploring 'People who help us' focusing on important roles such as police officers, firefighters, teachers, and postal workers. We'll use role play to bring these jobs to life, with children dressing up and acting out scenarios like delivering letters, teaching a class, or putting out a fire. Stories and songs will introduce the tools and vehicles used by these helpers, such as fire engines, police cars, and mailbags, encouraging curiosity and engagement. Chinese New Year is at the end of this half term, so in the final week we will have lots of activities to explore and celebrate the Chinese New Year.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

**Miss Price, Miss Whitby & Mrs Fisher**