

## **Squirrel Lodge Autumn Term 2**

### **Topic - Woodland animals/Christmas**

**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

**This is an overview of what the children in Squirrel Lodge will be learning during the second half of the Autumn term.**

#### **Being Imaginative and Music**

**This term our role play in the classroom will be a home corner. In the outdoor area the children can role play in the wooden house, experiment with musical instruments and sing on our stage area. If your child has a favourite song they like to sing and dance to please let us know.**

#### **Art**

**The children will be experimenting with paint. using different sized brushes and sponges. They will be drawing, painting and making collages of their family and**

#### **Mark making/Writing/Physical Development**

**The children will be painting and drawing lots of pictures of the fireworks, poppies and Christmas. They will also be building independently with a range of appropriate resources, encouraging the children to explore different materials and tools.**

#### **Expressive Arts and Design**

**If your child has a favourite song they like to sing and dance to please let us know, especially any Christmas songs! We will be doing lots of Autumn and Christmas crafts.**



#### **Communication and Language**

**The children will be encouraged to talk about things they observe and enjoy doing. We will be looking at the woodland animals such as foxes, hedgehogs and squirrels. The children will look at where the animals live and what they eat. We will also talk about Bonfire night and keeping safe. We will be talking about Christmas and the children will be sending letters to Santa.**

#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

**We will be encouraging the children to interact and play with their friends by, sharing toys and being friendly. We will continue to implement the classroom rules.**

#### **Reading**

**The children will be reading lots of different books with the focus being on woodland animals and Christmas.**

#### **Mathematics**

**This term we will continue our focus on recognising and counting numbers 1 to 5. We will be singing number songs such as 5 current buns. We will also be encouraging the children to match objects to numbers.**

#### **World/ Technology**

**The children will be looking at changes that take place in autumn. We will be using the ipads and interactive whiteboard to look at woodland animals, fireworks and Christmas.**

#### **Time to listen and Time to talk**

**The children will begin to participate in our Time to listen and Time to Talk sessions. These will help the children with their communication and language skills.**