

## EYFS Curriculum Overview

### Autumn 2020

This term in Nursery we will begin by focusing on the book 'You Choose' by Pippa Goodheart and Nick Sharratt. This is a fantastic book to find out all about the children and their families without putting too much pressure on them! We will be looking at the book and talking about our preferences from where we'd prefer to go on holiday to what we really like eating for dinner. The children will be making puppets of themselves, building their own houses and painting pictures of people and animals that live with them. That's the plan anyway, though we might end up with hippos in the garden and snail stew as our favourite food! Later on in the term we will be taking full advantage of our beautiful outdoor areas and the seasons whilst we focus on the traditional tale of The little Red Hen. We will be spending lots of time outdoors "helping" one another, preparing the garden for winter and exploring bread from its very beginnings to when it's covered in butter and jam- we'll even change it from bread to toast around the campfire in the woods.

Alongside these two focus books we will be using information books to find out all about the animals that live in our grounds and what we can do to support them through winter. We will be making bird feeders and squirrel food as well as finding natural resources to help the animals cosy up in their homes. We'll be having a go at building a hedgehog shelter, doing a bird survey and making our own little dens in the woods for animals and ourselves. Then before you know it Christmas will be here and our focus story will of course be the Nativity. We will be finding out about Christmas and why people celebrate it as well as getting very excited by making lots of preparations ourselves from making cards and gifts to having a go at writing lists for "you know who"...

Our new reception children will also be very busy this term, they have so much new learning to do. From where to find the resources they need to do their own learning to what happens at dinner time and who everybody is, it's a lot to take on board! They will be demonstrating what they know already to their teachers by having a go at writing, painting pictures for a display and talking about them and getting their very first reading books to take home and share with their families. They will be making stick models of themselves and talking about their home and family life.

They will have lots of support from their teachers whilst they get to know new friends, school rules and routines and their way around.

Later on in the term the children will be exploring further afield in the school grounds, taking advantage of the field and woods whilst they plan and prepare for a Teddy Bears Picnic. They will be making plans, writing lists, making invitations and decorations as well as going on a hunt around the woods to find the bears. They will also be learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears through sequencing the story, retelling it through music and movement and hearing lots of different versions of it. Like the Nursery children, the latter part of the Autumn Term will of course have a big focus around celebrations, especially one in particular as the children get excited for Christmas and help with all the preparations.