Pre-school Autumn 2 2026-2027

Literacy
This term, we will be encouraging the children to take part in lots of mark-making activities, helping them to develop control and confidence in their early writing skills. The children will be given opportunities to write for a purpose, such as creating birthday cards, invitations to our nativity, and labels for their own work. Through stories, songs, and play-based activities, the children will continue to develop their love of books and storytelling, begin to understand that writing and print have meaning and purpose in our everyday lives.

Physical Development: This term, the children will take part in a variety of fine and gross motor activities to help strengthen their coordination, control, and confidence. We will be developing fine motor skills through activities such as cutting, threading, drawing, and using tools, while outdoor play will include bike and scooter play, obstacle courses, and water play to support gross motor development.
These activities will help children to build strength and coordination in their hands and bodies, preparing them for early writing and self-care skills, as well as promoting a love of being active and healthy.

Maths:
This term, we will be exploring numbers and counting in lots of fun and practical ways. The children will be learning about number order, counting forwards and backwards, and beginning to recognise numerals that are significant to them — such as their age, house number, or numbers they see in their everyday environment.

(Expressive Arts and Design)
This term, we will be exploring a range of creative techniques to express their ideas and imagination. We will experiment with splatter painting to make firework pictures, try out different printing techniques, and enjoy collage making using a variety of materials.
We will also create our own firework dances, using movement, music, and rhythm to represent fireworks bursting in the sky. We will explore colour, texture, sound, and movement, while developing our imagination, and confidence in expressing ourselves.

Phonics
This term, we will continue to develop children's listening and attention skills through lots of fun listening games, songs, and rhymes. The children will be encouraged to listen carefully to stories, join in with repeated phrases, and talk about what they can hear and see.
Through play and story time, we will help children to tune into sounds in their environment and in words — an important first step in phonics learning. They will also be encouraged to use new vocabulary, ask questions, and share their own ideas and experiences.

PSED:
This term, we will be celebrating differences and learning that everyone is unique and special. The children will be encouraged to include others when working and playing, to use kind and respectful words, and to think about how their actions make others feel. We will continue to build on the strong friendships already forming in nursery, helping the children to develop confidence and independence in their play and routines. Through everyday experiences, we will support children to recognise and value what makes themselves and others special.

Understanding of the World.

This half term, our learning will be centred around celebrations. We'll explore how people come together to celebrate special events and why these occasions are important. The children will be learning about Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, birthdays, Diwali, Hanukkah and the Christmas story, discovering their meanings and cultural significance through stories, discussions, creative activities and play. We will also continue to observe and talk about seasonal changes, building on our learning from last term by noticing what is happening in our outdoor environment as autumn turns to winter.