PILGRIMS' WAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Curriculum Overview: Pre-School – Term 2

THEME FOR THE TERM: Autumn Adventures and Winter Wonders

This term our core learning will focus on the areas of:
- Autumn
- Winter
- Diwali
- Christmas
- Other celebrations important to our children

We will be using the books '1,2,3 What can you see in Autumn?', 'Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter', 'Little Glow' and The Gruffalo to support our learning



COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

Communication is woven through everything we do, in every area of learning. This term our focus will be on:
- Talking about our families, feelings and special times
- Answering simple 'what' and 'where' questions about stories we've heard
- Using new words picked up from stories, songs and play
- Listening and responding during group activities



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Building strength, balance and coordination, and the fine motor skills needed for writing:
- Throwing and catching a large ball or bean bag with two hands
- Beginning to hop on the spot and balance on low equipment
- Developing scissor grip by snipping across short strips of paper
- Developing pincer grip and hand strength through threading and construction



PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Building confidence, friendships and emotional understanding:
- Initiating play with other children and beginning to take turns
- Talking about our own home and family life
- Noticing and naming what happens just after a feeling
- Showing pride in our achievements and finished work
- Building independence with handwashing and using the toilet



LITERACY

Developing a love of stories, and our very first writing skills:
- Answering simple 'what' and 'where' questions about a story just read aloud
- Making continuous lines, circles, dots and dashes in dough
- Exploring story dough as an early step towards mark-making



MATHEMATICS

Shape, Pattern, Counting and Subitising:
- Explore position and shape
- Join in with repeating patterns
- Begin to order number names
- Subitise 1, 2 and 3



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

Learning about ourselves, our celebrations and the changing seasons:
- Talking about special times we have experienced, such as birthdays
- Learning about Christmas and Diwali as times families celebrate
- Joining in with celebration songs, stories and traditions
- Noticing how the natural world changes from autumn into winter
- Handling and exploring natural seasonal materials like leaves and conkers



EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

Exploring creativity through art, music and imaginative play:
- Tearing, scrunching and sticking paper to create simple collages
- Printing and making patterns using sponges, stampers and natural objects
- Joining in with celebration songs and simple dances
- Role-playing familiar celebrations using props such as cards and wrapping