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| **Reading books**  Please hear your child read as often as possible it really makes all the difference to their confidence.  **Keywords**  Lots of children got certificates last term for being able to read their high frequency words and tricky words on sight – well done! There are lots more certificates to get so keep going. Learning to read these words on sight will help children develop fluency in their reading. | |
| **Literacy**  This term we will move onto writing sentences which have a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop, we call these our 3 star sentences. The children will be encouraged to continue to use their sounds to help with their writing and spelling those tricky words correctly.  The books we will read will be “Bonfire” “Percy the Park keeper after the storm” and The Nativity story. | **Phonics**  We will begin by recapping our Phase 2 sounds and learning to read multisyllabic words, captions and sentences. The children will then begin to learn the Phase 3 sounds, applying their knowledge with games and sentence reading and writing. |
| **French**  We will learn how to say the colours yellow, green, red, blue, white, black, brown and pink. |
| **Maths**  Our White Rose theme is **Light and Dark** We will focus on exploring the numbers 4 and 5. Exploring the features of 2D shapes square and rectangle and exploring 3D shape names pyramid, prism, cylinders, cuboids and cubes. We will learn about the composition of the numbers 1-5 and learn the number facts. We will learn one more and one less and we will also learn about time. | **Understanding the World**  This term is all about celebrations; learning about Bonfire Night, Diwali, Christmas and also Remembrance Day. We will spend some time looking at the season of Autumn and the changes we can see around us. We will learn that different people celebrate different events all around the world and within our Foundation Class. We will learn to ask questions about other’s traditions and cultures always showing respect. |
| **Expressive Arts and Design**  Using the book Elmer and celebrating Elmer day, we will explore colour mixing and learn all about the colour wheel. The children will get the opportunity to use lots of different materials and media as make Diva lamps, poppies, fireworks and Christmas decorations. Our songs will be songs of celebration as well as learning the Nativity songs we will need for our Nativity Performance. | **RE**  Children will learn about the special places Christians, Muslims and Hindus go to worship their god. We will try to visit the church and learn about the similarities and difference between the customs and actions which happen in each of these sacred places. |
| **CARE Code**  This term we will be focusing on Cooperation! We will be looking at how we are a team as a class and how we work together to keep everyone happy and safe whilst at school.  Certificates will be awarded each week for those who have cooperated really well. | **PSHE**  We will be learning all about emotions this term. We will learn to name and recognise them in ourselves and others. We will also learn how to support ourselves and others with managing and dealing with emotions. We will do lots of circle time exploring real situations within the classroom and applying a problem solving approach. |
| **Makaton**  We will learn the signs for the seasons, celebrations and the special places where we might celebrate. | **Forest School**  The children will learn how to move around the pond and the fire circle safely and how to keep themselves safe by assessing risk whilst at Forest School. We will have a fire to celebrate and talk about how to keep safe at Bonfire Night and maybe have some marshmallows too! The children will be learning all about how some animals hibernate. We will make bird feeders for the birds as the berries begin to fall and there maybe the odd Christmas Decoration to make too. |
| **Music**  We will learn all about our voice this term. We will learn some songs to explore pitch, melody, dynamics, pitch and pulse. |
| **Physical Development**  We will be stretching and strengthening our bodies with the yoga stories –Robodog of the future, Cracker the dragon of wonder, Mike the cosmic space monkey, Frank the frog and Twilight the unicorn of dreams. We will be encouraging the children to have a go at riding the school bikes and supporting them to use the balance bikes and the trikes, and the double bikes. We will be practising our scissor skills using them to cut lots of different materials and learning to form our letters correctly. | **Show and Tell**  We will keep in our small groups for the time being to support that confidence as we gradually build up to performing our Nativity songs.  Please send in a photo on Tapestry of the following themes:  WC 25th October – My friends  1st November – Costumes from the weekend  8th November – Bonfire Night  15th November – signs of autumn  22nd November – Favourite colour  29th November – favourite game to play  6th December – What Christmas looks like in your house (if you celebrate) |
| **How you can help** - I will send text reminders about what to send in when!  **Maths** – Notice and compare numbers where ever you go, how many people are in the queue? Do you think we have more than or less than 5 things in our basket? Counting the features of certain objects for example how many wheels does your bike have, is that more or less than mine? Look for shapes in objects talking about the features of the shapes, for example do you have rectangle placemats? Are two sides longer and two sides shorter?  **Reading –** Please share your child’s reading book and keywords with them as often as you can.  **Phonics –** Keep checking those speedy sounds and playing the mix mix game to support blending and segmenting. | |
| It is going to be a busy and very exciting term but hopefully a very successful one.  Thank you so much for all of your support with our first term at school. We really feel the children are well settled and the progress they have made has been excellent.  If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch, skurnatowski@hathernprimary.net  The Foundation Team | |