


<p><b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b></p> <p>We will learn about ways to negotiate with our friends to ensure that we have happy days at school and are able to make our thoughts and feelings known in a mature way. We will work hard to persevere with learning activities, becoming more independent in completing tasks. We will practise our skills at being friendly and confident when playing our own games at playtimes.</p>	<p><b>Communication and Language</b></p> <p>We have made fantastic progress in this area! This half term it is very important that we focus on further developing our listening and attention skills. This will help us to take on board lots of new information and to concentrate well during teaching sessions. We will play memory games to help us to remember our new learning.</p>	<p><b>Physical Development</b></p> <p>This half term we will focus on our fine motor skills. We will take part in handwriting sessions each day as well as activities that help to develop the muscles in our fingers, hands and arms. We will continue to be active learners outside. We will also learn to be calm and appreciate the Winter sights and sounds of the Earth all around us.</p>	
<p><b>English</b></p> <p>We will continue with our daily phonics lessons to help us to read and write with increasing confidence. We will also receive new books to read at home. We will take part in focussed writing sessions each day to help us to become more independent in attempting to spell and write. We will study the book 'SHHH!' which will lead us into lots of traditional tales. We can't wait to perform this story to you in our Class Assembly at the end of January. We hope you feel very proud of how brave we are and how well we are learning to tell stories!</p>	<p><b>Mathematics</b></p> <p>We will start the term by learning to use positional language accurately. We will then spend time embedding our skills in counting increasingly large groups of objects accurately and then comparing these to order groups of objects accurately. We will revise adding and taking away every day. We will finish the half term by learning to talk about the length and height of objects using words such as longer and shorter.</p>	<p><b>Understanding the World</b></p> <p>We will learn about Chinese New Year; tasting traditional foods and learning a special song. We will learn to use the touch pad on our school laptops to move the cursor, click and drag and drop. We will explore Winter, taking every opportunity to experience the cold weather, ice, frost and hopefully even some snow! Please remember to dress for the weather every day!</p>	<p><b>Expressive Arts and Design</b></p> <p>We will learn to paint in more detail, using thinner brushes and our developing control to paint people, places and objects. We will develop our dance skills, moving in time to music and following instructions. We will celebrate Chinese New Year, performing our own dragon dance using instruments that we have made ourselves! We will also have a weekly dance session in our studio upstairs. We will have a new dance teacher for this. How exciting!</p>