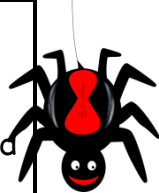


This term we will be continuing work on our Minibeast topic as we have lots of things we still would like to find out! We will be continuing work with our nursery buddies outside, so we really need to make sure we have warm, appropriate outdoor clothing as the weather gets colder. Warm jackets with hoods, cosy hats, gloves and wellies or warm sturdy boots on Tuesdays please! I will print a copy of the timetable on the reverse of this sheet so you know which groups are to be outside on which days.



In gym we are playing more co-operative games to help us work as a team. Mrs Cooper is working on sequences and patterns in gymnastics and soon it will be time to learn some new social dances before our Christmas party.



In art we are making spiders and webs, lots of autumn collages, sparkly fireworks and bonfire pictures, rainbow fish, bears and lots of Christmas surprises.



Miss Ballantine is working on rhythm and beat using instruments. We will also enjoy lots of Christmas activities in music and drama with Mrs Dyson.



Soon we will be bringing spelling words home to practise for homework. We will have a weekly quiz on a Friday. Please help by working on these at home. Home reading books will be a variety of different schemes, not only The Oxford Reading Tree. This is to broaden the children's experience of different styles of books, both fiction and non-fiction. We are encouraging not just reading aloud, but reading with greater fluency, expression and understanding. Suggestions/ ideas for reading activities will be sent home soon for you to try, to help the children transfer and consolidate their skills.



In ICT we are logging on with our passwords and using the Smartboard to help our learning. We will be inserting wordart & clipart to make front covers and posters in our topic work and continuing work on healthy eating using website games.



In RME we are thinking about harvest time and the food we get from the Earth. We still have to plan and write simple prayers to say thank you. We will be remembering the story of Christmas and taking part in lots of fun activities. Our class are listening to stories to help us to remember "The Golden Rules".

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In Literacy we are using "Christopher character" to help us find out about story characters. We will be listening to and reading lots of different stories and finding out about different characters. We will be creating our own characters and writing our own stories in 3 parts. We are still working on our capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We will be learning to use joining words and "wow" words to make our sentences more exciting. Handwriting practise will help us to write on the lines, make tall letters go up to the top and tails below the lines.

## Our Learning tree



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In maths we will be handling information and completing tables using tally marks. We will collect data so that we can make bar charts and graphs. We are continuing to work on our mental maths and it would be helpful if you can work on this at home too, to help us be more speedy at counting in our heads. Double numbers, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, addition facts, odds and even numbers would all be very helpful. Then we will be working on shapes and their properties.