Mathematics

This half term in maths we are working on being able to identify our numbers to 5. We will be focusing on recognition, composition and comparing the numbers.

We will also be focusing on finding different flat shapes in our environment. We will be having lots of fun with our shapes by going on shape hunts and creating self-portraits with the shapes we find.

We are working on being able to get a small group of objects from a larger group and then being able to count these objects accurately to determine how many are in the small group.

We will be designing and creating our own games using dice and number tracks to help us when we count forwards and backwards.

<u>Literacy</u>

This half term in Literacy we will be enjoying learning all about Winter. We will be using the story 'A Little Bit of Winter' by Paul Stewart to aid our learning journey. We will have lots of opportunity to explore winter through sensory tuff trays and walks in our outdoor area.

'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson will also be one of the texts we are focusing on. We will be helping the stick man to find his family by creating our own missing posters using our fabulous phonics knowledge! We will be creating some very exciting letters to Santa at the end of the half term and we will be writing our own list of instructions to help someone build a snowman. We will be having lots of Christmas fun and will enjoy turning the classroom into a glistening winter wonderland!

Communication and Language

We are going to be continuing to focus on our listening skills this half term. We will be listening to stories regularly and working on our story recall and comprehension. We will be working on our understanding on prepositions and will be able to use these on everyday situations. Whilst listening to our stories at story time we will be working on our ability to ask why and how questions about what we can hear. We will also be working on our abilities to respond to and understand why and how questions to have more meaningful interactions.

Autumn Term Reception

Knowledge Organiser

Physical Development

We will be taking part in regular PE sessions with Mrs Kilmartin. We will also be joining in with some dough disco to help us with our strength in our hands and finger gym activities whilst in provision. This half term we will be focusing a lot more on our fine motor skills and will be having daily handwriting sessions to help with our letter formation.

Expressive arts and design

We will have lots of opportunity to engage in pretend play within our choosing time. We will also take part in imaginative play using small world equipment. We will be exploring how we can join materials and different textures together. The children will be joining Santa's workshop at the end of the half term and will having fun creating new toys ready for Christmas!

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be working on our self-regulation skills. We will be talking about how we feel and helping to comfort others when they feel sad or upset. We will become confident with showing our emotions to other people and will be able to explain why we feel different things. At the end of the half term, we will be working on being brave when performing.

Understanding the world

This half term we will be enjoying exploring two of the seasons Autumn and Winter. We will be comparing the weather in these seasons and observing our outdoor area during the seasons. We will be using adjectives to describe what we can see outside. We are also going to be thinking about what we need to wear outside during these seasons.

RE

In RE this half term, we will be thinking about Christmas and why Christians perform nativities at school during the Christmas period. We will enjoy watching nativities and listening carefully to the story of the first Christmas read from the Bible. We will be having lots of fun learning our own nativity parts ready to perform for our parents at the end the half term!

