

**Our learning this half term will focus on settling into school and forming positive relationships.**

## Characteristics of Effective Learning

### Playing & Exploring



We will be encouraging children to "have a go" at a range of new and exciting activities, whilst showing us their particular interests.

### Active Learning



We will be encouraging the children to keep on trying, even if something is proving difficult.

### Creating and thinking critically



We will be encouraging children to have their own ideas about how to use the open-ended resources in our setting.

## Prime Areas of Learning

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development



We will be encouraging all the children to build constructive and respectful relationships with each other and with staff.

### Physical Development



We will be encouraging children to safely use a range of large equipment outside to develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility. We will also provide lots of opportunities to develop small motor skills too.

### Communication & Language



We will be learning about how important it is to listen carefully so that we can learn. We will listen to stories and songs & rhymes repeatedly so that we can retell them off by heart, learning & using new vocabulary from these & our experiences.

## Specific Areas of Learning

### Literacy



We will be reading traditional stories including Goldilocks & The Three Bears & The Three Billy Goats which we will role-play & retell in different ways.

We will quickly begin learning Phase 2 letters & sounds, learning the Phase 2 Tricky words & learning to blend vc & cvc words. We will also begin learning the correct letter formation for each letter, and writing our names correctly too.

### Maths



#### Numbers

We will begin learning a new number each week with related counting, comparing, addition & subtraction activities.

#### Shape, Space & Measures

We will be learning to identify & name 2D shapes and begin to describe these using everyday language. Children will have opportunities to play with shapes to build, construct & make pictures & patterns.

### Understanding the World



We will be encouraging all children to make observations of the world around them and talk about the season of Autumn.

We will talk about ourselves & our families. We will learn how to use the CD Player at our listening station so we can listen to stories & we will begin to use the class PCs to interact with software.

### Expressive Arts & Design



We will be encouraging the use of a variety of media & tools to create artistic effects in order to express the children's own feelings, thoughts & interests. We will sing every day, learning songs & rhymes with actions & movements & children can explore a range of instruments to make sounds & music. We will encourage children to develop storylines in their pretend play.