

### **Personal, Social & Emotional Development**

Our SEAL theme this half term is 'Getting on and Falling out' We will have regular circle times where we discuss and develop an understanding of friendship, empathy, managing our emotions (particularly anger) and developing our skills in team work and negotiating to solve problems.

This half term there will also be a '**say no to bullying**' week where we will learn what bullying is, its effects and how we can help to prevent bullying in our school.

### **Communication & Language**

As always, the children will be given the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences with their friends, about our topic.

There will be lots of role-play and small world opportunities for the children to explore and engage with. These will help to develop the children's spoken language as they take on different roles and explore the language, tools and skills of the people who help us.

### **Physical Development**

This half term the children will be participating in Dance lessons to develop their balance, coordination and control over their movements with Mr Boylan. Reception Children will also be taking part in Bike ability, developing their gross motor skills using balance bikes.

The children will be supported in becoming increasingly independent when dressing themselves; putting on their own coats and shoes, and with their personal hygiene.

The children will continue to develop their gross and fine motor skills through a variety of activities, such as climbing, using wheeled toys and one handed equipment such as scissors and using cutlery

### **Literacy**

This half term the children will discuss the different features of Non-fiction books. We will use these books to research different people who help us.

We will also be sharing a variety of fiction books which relate to people who help us; such as Doctor Ted, What do Grown Ups Do all day and The Jolly Postman.

Our phonics sessions will continue developing children's early listening skills (Foxes) and our Owls will continue to develop their knowledge of letters (graphemes) and sounds (phonemes) enabling them to read and write simple words and captions.

### **Autumn 2 in Foundation Class**

#### **Curriculum Overview**

Our topic this half term is '**People who help us**'. During this topic, the children will participate in a range of activities which promote learning and development across all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum.

### **Mathematics**

This half term the children will continue to develop their understanding of number.

They will compare two sets of objects and find the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them. We will also be finding one more and one less than a number and begin to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting.

### **Understanding the World**

Throughout the year the children will be learning to use technology for different purposes. This half term the children will be learning how to use technology to record, save and playback different sounds.

We will learn about the jobs and responsibilities of a variety of people who help us; such as Fire officers, Police officers and Doctors, Nurses and Paramedics.

As Christmas arrives we will talk about our own family customs and routines and explore how and why different families around the world celebrate Christmas.

### **Here are some ways in which you can support your child's learning at home:**

- Count as much as possible and encourage children to notice numbers and shapes in the environment
  - Share stories and books with your child as much as you can
  - Owls (Reception) parents read your child's reading books every day.
  - Foxes (Nursery) parents share familiar stories and encourage children to notice text and letters in the environment.
- Help your child to complete their learning log.

### **Expressive Arts and Design**

The children will be encouraged to explore the range of different resources and media available in the Painting and Workshop Areas. Together we will be looking at developing specific skills, for example different joining techniques including different types of tapes, glues and split pins. The children will create designs for a moving vehicle and build them from junk modelling.

The children will continue to have weekly singing sessions, on Tuesdays, led by the Calderdale Music Trust to supplement our weekly music lessons in class.