

# EYFS Autumn TERM 2020 – ‘Tell me a story ...’

## LITERACY

Maples and Willows will continue to focus on phonics in their daily Bug Club lessons this term. Oral blending plays a significant part in early reading and we will explore this skill through lots of fun games and activities. We will also be using our fingers to help us to ‘**pinch to blend**’ the sounds, so that we can read words. As the children become more fluent with blending to read words, they can read captions and sentences in books. To help us to become confident writers we will be using our fingers, known as ‘**pinch to spell**’, to split words into sounds to write new words. We will also be enjoying listening to a collection of traditional and favourite tales to explore the theme ‘Tell me a story ...’ and thinking about what it is like to be an author.

## MATHS

To help us become marvellous Mathematicians, this term we will continue to focus on numbers to 5, moving onto numbers to 10, as we develop our subitising skills. Subitising is the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count them. This important skill is an essential part of developing number sense and pattern recognition. Alongside subitising, we will also be practising our touch counting, number recognition and how to use the part whole model. This model will begin to help us to understand the concept of how numbers can be split into parts and to make connections between addition and subtraction.

## UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

This term in our RE learning, Maples and Willows will be focussing on the question ‘Why does Christmas matter to Christians?’ As part of this, the children will think about the celebration of Jesus’ birth and how Advent prepares for this significant occasion.

As Geographers, the children will be exploring our school and its surroundings, using Forest School to enhance discussion relating to a study of our school grounds, and understanding of our magnificent world. And as we become Scientists, we will investigate how to identify common animals, their habitats their ability to stay alive.

## EXPRESSIVE ART AND DESIGN

This area of development is fundamental in supporting children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials to become artists, musicians and dancers. This term we will be providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of art, music, movement, dance, roleplay and design & technology based activities. We will also be exploring different media and materials to help us create our role play resources and think about how to make art from natural resources.

## COMMUNICATION AND LANGUAGE

In Maples and Willows, we will be broadening our vocabulary by learning lots of new words and their meanings and sharing these thoughts and ideas with everyone. We will retell traditional and favourite tales and invent our own characters and settings to develop our descriptive story telling techniques.

## PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

In PE, we will be developing our gross motor movements so that we strengthen our throwing, catching, and running skills, to name but a few. Gross motor skills are important for physical development and overall, wellbeing. They play a significant part in maintaining good posture and boosting confidence and self-esteem. They are also needed for everyday functions like getting dressed, refining balance, and walking up steps.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

## PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of our ongoing Personal, Social and Emotional Development learning, we will be thinking about feelings and behaviour and how this can impact positively on our learning. We love to celebrate our learning behaviours in different ways. In Maples and Willows we talk about these ways of learning as if they were dinosaurs!

Our ‘Characteristics of Effective Learning’ Achievosaurus are Tryatops, Thinkodocus, Stickosaurus, Explorosaur, Askaraptor, Solveosaurus Rex and Shareonyx. This term we will be focusing on how to become a terrific Tryatops, a sensational Shareonyx or an excellent Explorosaur.