# SCHOOL SAME

## Year R Autumn Term 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after half term. It is so lovely to see the children becoming more independent by coming into the classroom by themselves, we would like to continue with developing their independence skills this term by encouraging the children to put on and take off their coat by themselves including managing the zip. We would really appreciate your help with this by encouraging your child to take off their own coat in the morning and hanging it up by themselves.

Our topic for this term is called 'Starry Night'.

This project explores the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. It teaches children about the importance of a good night's sleep, and helps them to discover what is happening in the world while they are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals.

# Communication and Language

During small group or one to one discussions, we will be learning to use and understand recently introduced vocabulary.

During this topic, we will be learning to ask a relevant scientific question to find out more, explain how things work and why they might happen.



## Reading

We will be reading a range of books linked to night time, space, light and dark, sleep. We will also be reading books about nocturnal animals.

In addition, we will be learning to listen to and talk about selected non-fiction books to develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge and vocabulary. Also during the autumn term, we will be using our phonic knowledge to read simple

words. In addition, we will be reading and reciting a range of poems and exploring rhyming words.

## Writing

We will be representing sounds with letters in our writing and then beginning to write simple words and phrases including facts about animals and night time. In addition, we will be exploring a range of poems.

## Maths

We will be learning to count 10 objects accurately using one to one correspondence and match the objects to the corresponding number. We will also be learning to subitise (recognise quantities without counting) up to 5 and talk about the different ways that amounts of 5 can be made



### RE

We will be spending some time learning about Judaism where we will explore Hanukkah. We will then begin our advent/Christmas topic called Birthday where we look forward to Jesus' birthday.

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# Understanding the World

We will be learning to explore how the environment changes through the day and the year and how day and night and weather can affect the way the environment appears. In addition, we will be exploring facts about the moon and significant people who have visited the moon. In science we

will be learning about the animals that come out at night and sleep during the day and that these are known as nocturnal animals.

## **PSHE**

'Celebrating Difference' which has a strong focus on identifying talents, families, being special, and making friends.

#### PE

Real PE - Unit 2 (Social) Dynamic Balance to Agility - Jumping and Landing. Static Balance - Seated. In the interest of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them. PE will take place on Mondays and Fridays.

# Computing

We will be inputting simple instructions to technological toys, including floor robots.



## Music

Charanga Musical School - My Stories, where we will be exploring our imagination through various themes in stories.

## Homework

The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows: Reading - Encourage your child to read as much as possible as this will help with their comprehension and writing. (10 minutes daily)

Practise phonics sounds (daily)

Word cards (daily)

Mathematics task/activity (weekly)

We may send home topic related tasks/projects to be completed during the term.

Miss Glenn