# Term 2 Dates

30.10.23 - INSET Day 01.11.23 - First day: WOW Day!

10.11.23 - Individual Photos

7&8.11.23 - Parent Consultations

13.11.23 - Road Safety and Antibullying Week

15.11.23 - Parent Phonics Workshop (8:50am & 2:45pm)

17.11.23 - Children in Need & Pyjama Day: Bedtime Stories 2:35pm)

30.11.23 - Vision Test

1.12.23 - PTA Christmas Fair

6.12.23 - Nativity Rehearsal (filmed)

8.12.23 - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

12.12.23 - Santa Visit!

13.12.23 - Nativity Performance (9:15am and 2:30pm)

14.12.23 - Class Party (PM) 15.12.23 - Last day of Term 2.

We will give more dates nearer the time.

# Phonics - Reading/Writing



# Welcome to Reception!



# Light and Dark

Our topic is Light and Dark. We will be learning about different light sources and how shadows are made as well as the difference between day and night. We will also look at forest and woodlands as well as the different animals that live there. We will learn the difference between nocturnal and diurnal animals as well as discuss the seasonal changes throughout the term.

#### <u>Maths</u>

In Maths we will continue to focus on 1:1 correspondence when counting objects to 20, learn to count from 0-20 forwards and backwards and recognise numerals from 0-10. We will order numbers and objects by size and capacity. <sup>3</sup> We will find one more and one less than numbers 0-20 as well as introduce the language and symbols for addition and subtraction.

#### <u>Literacy</u>



In Literacy our key texts will be Owl Babies and Stick Man which links to our topic on forests and woodland. We will create actions to learn the story and create story maps to understand the structure. We will role play and discuss the characters and use our phonics skills to write labels, captions and begin to write sentences. We will also continue our understanding of the alphabet.

In Phonics we will recap the Phase 2 sounds that we learned in Term 1 as well as introduce the next sets of sounds and tricky words. We will work on blending those sounds together to read words and build our fluency. We will also work on segmenting words to spell and write using the correct letter formation rhymes. When we read stories in school, we check children's comprehension by asking lots of questions and encourage a discussion.

# Home Learning

NATIVITY!

Please ensure you read with your child **5 times** a week for 5 minutes to allow them to practise their reading skills and record this in their reading journal. When reading, talk about the pictures and ask them questions about the text. We will read in school with your child and change books at least once a week. It is important that children read a text several times. Please also regularly practise the key words and tricky words that we send home.

# **Our Attributes**

- We are positive
- We are engaged
- We are responsible
- We are respectful
- We are resilient
- We rise to challenges

# At Orchard Grove, we believe that

- Every Child Achieves
- Every Child Belongs
- Every Child Participates in learning, enrichment and the community



Information regarding our nativity

performance, costumes and learning

lines will be sent out after half-term.

# Forest School - Mondays

Forest school will recommence after Christmas. Children will still receive outdoor learning opportunities each week.