

## **Autumn (2) (October 2019)**

“It’s not a stick it’s a.....”, initially this half term we are developing our imaginations as we explore the endless possibilities of what a stick can become through focusing on the story ‘It’s not a stick’ by Antoinette Portis. I can’t wait to see what amazing stick creations and uses we can imagine up. We will then move on to find out why a stick might be used in a bonfire as we focus our learning around bonfire night. Let’s get ready to blast off our rockets and fireworks. We will also deepen our understanding of the world as we explore Diwali and the Christmas Nativity. Not forgetting Father Christmas and helping him make all the toys in our wood workshop. All of these topics will be explored in a variety of ways including sharing lots of themed stories. Using these books we will learn to retell stories using props, actions and story maps.

Maths- We will be continuing to develop our knowledge of number and rote counting (saying numbers in order to 12) . We will also be continuing to learn to count using one-to-one correspondence, making sure that we put objects into a line and we count each object without missing any out. We will also be focusing on comparing sizes. We will compare different objects to see if we can identify which object may be smaller or larger as well as exploring length. I wonder what the longest item we can find at school is?

Phonics — We will continue with daily phonics sessions where we will play lots of games to continue to develop our listening and attention skills. We will learn to listen out for sounds around our local environment and explore sound through instruments (loud and quiet, fast and slow etc). We will further explore the rhythm of spoken words through beginning to tap the syllables in our own and others names.