Elephants Reception Autumn 2nd Half Term

This half term we are learning about animals, seasonal changes and celebrations. Please use our organiser below to see our main learning outcomes, as well as our key vocabulary. Please use the vocabulary at home to explore new meanings with your child and develop their understanding. It is a very exciting half term with Nativity performances and school trips. As always, any questions please just arrange a chat with us. Thank you for your support,

Prime Areas

Communication & Language:

- Share ideas by using 'I think...' sentences
- Share whether we agree or disagree with an idea and why
- Learn new vocabulary and discuss it's meaning
- Ask questions about the environment using when, what, where and why
- Answer questions using who, what, where, why
- Develop listening skills to understand 2-part instructions

Physical Development:

- Build on fundamental movement skills including balancing, running, changing direction, stopping safely, jumping and hopping
- Develop good table posture for writing
- Develop use of tripod grip for writing
- Develop scissor skills to access them independently
- Engage in fine motor activities including playdough, threading and using tweezers to strengthen fine motor skills

PSED:

- Develop sharing skills
- Develop use of knife and fork, being increasingly independent with cutting food
- Collaborate with friends being the leader as well as listening to the ideas of others
- Talk about their own interests, likes and dislikes, and begin to understand that of others
- Further develop a sense of uniqueness and celebrate individuality

Our Key Vocabulary:

crawl	fast	slide	slow	rules	diversity
passion	share	similar	unique		

Specific Areas

Literacy:	Maths:	Expressive Arts & Design:	Understanding the World:
• Begin to write for a range of purposes including speech bubbles, lists and stories • Write cvc words with increasing independence e.g. duck, bed, log, hat, pig • Enjoy a range of new stories including non-fiction texts • Identify parts of a book including the title, page numbers, illustrations and contents page • Secure phase 2 phonics knowledge, and develop phase 3 phonics knowledge • Continue to learn sight words (Rainbow Words)	• Identify and describe circles, triangle and 4-sided shapes using accurate vocabulary • Develop number sense up to 5 including 1:1 correspondence and cardinality • Develop understanding of the composition of numbers to 5 e.g. 4 and 1 is 5 / 2 and 3 is 5 • Continue to develop a sense of pattern and create more complex patterns	• Continue to develop body percussion skills • Follow a beat and take pauses throughout a musical routine • Learn new songs including Nativity songs • Show confidence when engaging in a variety of festive performances • Continue to develop observational drawing skills • Develop accuracy when drawing shapes and portraits • Design a vegetable soup recipe • Use a recipe to make vegetable soup	• Notice and describe seasonal changes – Autumn to Winter • Understand how we adapt to winter (clothing) • Understand how animals prepare for Winter • Identify and describe a variety of animal homes • Describe our houses, make comparisons with animal homes and human homes • Investigate the process of freezing and melting • Discuss traditions around festive celebrations including Christmas and New Year • Use future tense in conversations

Our Key Vocabulary:

circle	triangle	square	rectangle	Speech bubble	list
recipe	safety	chop	slice	packaging	nest
Woodland animal	Zoo animal	den	burrow	freezing	melting

Please use our key vocabulary at home to support your child's learning and discover the meanings of new words. Any questions, please don't hesitate to ask a member of our EYFS team.