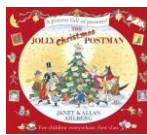


# Reception: AUTUMN 2

## Literacy

This half term your child will be exploring a variety of books, such as *The Jolly Christmas Postman* and *A World of Cookies for Santa*. Our Talk for Writing text is *How to catch a star* by Olivier Jeffers. They will practise using initial sounds to write CVC words and short lists, form letters correctly in their name, and understand that words are separated by spaces.



## Phonics

This half term, your child will continue developing their early reading skills through Read Write Inc. phonics. They will be learning to recognise all Set 1 sounds and some special friends such as *sh*, *ch*, *th*, *ng*, *nk* and *qu*. The children will practise blending these sounds to read short words (like *cat* or *dog*) and begin to read some red words such as *the*, *I*, *no*, *go*, and *to*.

## Maths

This half term, your child will be exploring shapes, including circles, triangles, and shapes with four sides. They will be comparing groups by matching and using language such as *more than*, *fewer than*, and *equal to*. The children will also be learning about 'whole' and 'part', exploring numbers to 5, and practising counting carefully and matching numbers to quantities. We'll even begin counting beyond 20!



## Communication and Language

This half term your child will be developing their speaking and listening skills through exciting stories, songs, and play. They will learn to listen carefully, follow simple two-part instructions, and respond appropriately to others. Children will begin to ask and answer questions, use story language to retell events, and build confidence in conversations using everyday social phrases.

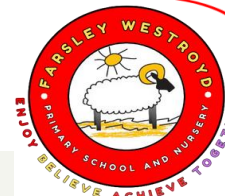
## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This half term your child will be learning how to look after their body and mind. They will learn about healthy eating, hygiene, and good sleep routines, and continue to use the Zones of Regulation. They will also practise following rules, sharing, taking turns, and building positive friendships through play and everyday routines.

## Physical Development

This half term your child will learn to use tools safely, including scissors, pencils, and cutlery. Children will also build strength and coordination through balancing, jumping, hopping, and changing direction. They will also develop control and rhythm in movement, while practising everyday skills like lining up, queuing, and sitting with good posture.

## SEASONS AND CELEBRATIONS



## Understanding of the world

This half term, your child will explore special places and celebrations such as Christmas and Remembrance Day. They'll learn about people who help us, like firefighters and police officers, explore toys from the past, and enjoy a trip to the post office to learn how letters are sent.

They'll also discover the changing seasons, learn how to stay safe around electricity, and explore the wonders of space!



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Let us not forget*

## Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, your child will get creative through art, design, and music! They'll explore using different materials for junk modelling and collage, experiment with colour mixing and textures in paint, and use tools to add detail to their creations. In music, they'll listen and respond to storytelling through sound, explore instruments, and learn to play with changes in speed, volume, and pitch.