



Week beginning: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Literacy:**

**Fiction**

This week we will be writing instructions for a Christmas decoration.

**Phonics**

**Bees:** to learn the sound 'ue' as glue and 'ew' as in screw.

**Butterflies:** to blend (for reading) and segment (for spelling) CCVC/CVCC words and revise the trigraph 'ear' as in tear.

**Maths:**

In maths this week we will be investigating place value.

**Go Mental for Maths** – *This half term the objectives are:*

To know number bonds for 5, then 10, then 20.

**Topic – Scandi-mania!**

**ICT:** We will be using 2simple2music to compose music about the weather.

**PE:** We will be doing gymnastics with Premier Sports on Wednesday and handball on Thursday.

**Music:** We will be investigating and playing percussion instruments

**Art and Design:** We will be painting a picture inspired by the 'Northern Lights'.

**RE:** We will be learning about how Christians celebrate Christmas.

**History:** We will be learning about Christmas in the past.

**Science:** We will be investigating the weather and seasonal changes.

**Geography:** We will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world.

**Home Learning Activities**

**Home Learning —Autumn 2**

This half term the children have been given a home learning tic-tac-toe grid.

They should complete at least **one line** of tasks over the next **five** weeks. We will be sharing this home learning in class on a weekly basis.

**Spellings**

Children will receive between 5-10 spellings each week. Each week the spellings words relate to our phonics learning. The spelling test will take place every Friday in the back of their books and new spellings put in the front for the following week.

**High Frequency words**

All the children should now have a High Frequency Word (HFW) list. These lists contain some of the most regularly used words in the English language so it is really important that the children know these by sight as they occur so frequently in their books. When your child knows the list (by sight), then please ask your child to return their sheet to school, with their name at the top, and give it to Miss Surtees. She will then test them and if possible, move them onto the next list. Your child will receive a certificate for every list they achieve in Celebration Assembly.

**Reading**

We will be checking regularly to see if children are ready to go up to the next book band. Children will read to an adult in school at least once a week. Please encourage your child to read as often as possible at home. It is also important to ask them questions about what they have read, to see their understanding of the text.

Please note that the book band targets have been changed to reflect the new curriculum and are now the same for each book band. The idea being that children are to master each target several times on progressively more challenging texts.

**Just a reminder for all nativity costumes to be brought in by Wednesday please!**

Thank you for all your support,  
Miss Priest and Miss Surtees