

**Squirrel Lodge Autumn Term 1**  
**Topic – Marvellous me & Nursey rhymes**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This is an overview of what the children in Squirrel Lodge will be learning during the second half of the Autumn term.

**Being Imaginative and Music**

This term our role play in the classroom will be a home corner. In the outdoor area the children can role play in the wooden house, experiment with musical instruments and sing on our stage area. If your child has a favourite song they like to sing and dance to please let us know.

**Mark making/Writing/Physical Development**

The children will be mark making both indoor and outdoor. They will be encouraged to use their gross motor control by kicking and throwing balls, using bats, balancing on our equipment and using our climbing frame. The children will be painting and drawing lots of pictures of themselves and their families and their favourite nursery rhyme characters.

**Understanding the world & Technology**

The children will be visting Bob's Garden to explore the outdoor environment, looking for frogs and other minibeasts. We will be using the ipads to look at photos of themselves and interact with pre-school games.

**Communication and Language**

The children will be encouraged to talk about things they observe and enjoy doing. We will discuss home life and family members. The children will also be encouraged to use their listening skills through phonics activities and circle time. We will be learning new songs and rhymes, such as, 'twinkle twinkle' and 'humpty dumpty'. See 'You Tube' for songs.

**Personal,Social and Emotional Development**

We will be encouraging the children to interact and play with their friends by, sharing toys and being friendly. We will begin to learn the classroom rules and timetable. The children will also learn how to self-register using their own photos.

**Reading**

The children will be reading lots of different books with the focus being on 'Marvellous Me and Nursery Rhymes.

**Mathematics**

This term we will focus on recognising and counting numbers 1 to 5. We will be singing number songs such as 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive.



**Settling In**

This term there will be a big focus on settling in, meeting new friends and new teachers. Exploring the indoor and outdoor environment. Learning the routines of the session and most of all having fun and being creative!