



## Curriculum Overview - Spring 1 2022

### Topic - Noah's Ark / WINTER

Dear Parents/ Carers,

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

#### 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 the characters from Noah's Ark and making fantastic wintery pictures.

#### Communication and Language

The children will be encouraged to talk about things they observe and enjoy doing. They will talk about Winter and the changes in the weather as well as singing to our favourite winter rhymes. We will focus on understanding simple sentences. The children will also be talking about Noah and the Ark he built.

#### 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 continue to implement the classroom rules and begin to recognise how we are feeling.

#### Reading

The children will be reading lots of different books with the focus being on Winter and also reading Noah's Ark.

#### Mathematics

This term we will continue to focus on recognising and counting numbers 1 to 5 using the 'Tentown' interactive app. We will also continue to look at basic 2d shapes such as a circle, square, triangle and rectangle. We will also be encouraging the children to match objects to numbers.

#### 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 singing on our stage area. If your child has a favourite song they like to sing and dance to please let us know.

#### Understanding the World

The children will be visiting Bob's Garden to explore the outdoor environment. They will be looking at changes that take place in Winter. We will be using the ipads and interactive whiteboard to look at Winter animals, weather and the characters from Noah's Ark

#### Time to talk

The children will continue to participate in our Time to Talk sessions. These will help the children with their communication and language skills.

#### Wet and cold weather

Can we ask that, as the weather is getting colder, appropriate outdoor clothing, including gloves, hats and coats are provided daily for your child.

#### Jack in the Box

We have begun collective worship, this is called Jack in the Box. The children meet 'Jack' our little hand puppet dog, they will sing and listen to short stories from the bible, this includes Noah's Ark.