

We are launching our Grab a book with Granny this half term. During our reading sessions your child will have the opportunity to have a book read to them by a grandparent or parent. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered.



Jigsaws help children to look for and recognise different colours and shapes. This is a good pre reading skill as children have to recognise different letter shapes and words.



Colouring pictures encourages your child to hold and use pens/crayons correctly and develop control when using them as well as encouraging children to discuss the colours they are using.

Have a go at making a colour and shape book and bring it into school to show us.

Encourage your child to look for shapes and patterns in the environment when out and about. Encourage your child to name and describe the shapes. Model language such as curved, round and straight.

Play lots of turn taking games. Board games give lots of opportunity for turn taking.

Get involved in our core book activities by finding out about bears together, go on a colour hunt and collect various coloured items to make a colour scrapbook. Does your child know most colours? Once you've read the story together at home find out about the other animals in the book. Where do they live? Which is their favourite animal and why?

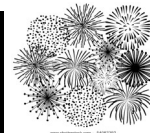
Our theme this half term is...

## Colour and Light

We will be basing a lot of our activities around our Core Book - **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What can you see? By Bill Martin Jr.**

Our core book will be sent home for you to enjoy with your child. We will also be exploring colour and shape as well as celebrating Bonfire Night and Christmas.

There are various cultural celebrations around this time of year. Talk to your children talk about cultural and religious differences and how we all have different celebrations.



### CHALLENGE

*If your child is still unable to put on and fasten their own coat please continue supporting them with this challenge!*

**This term's challenge is...**  
to take off and put on your shoes independently

When sharing books with your child discuss what they can see on the front cover, talk about the author, illustrator, blurb. What might the story be about? Encourage your child to tell the story using the pictures. Change the ending of the story. Have fun with books!!

Write a letter to Santa and 'Santa' writes back.



Make your own Christmas cards and tree decorations. Hand printing is a great way to do this - Google 'Santa Handprints'



Winter is around the corner. Please can all hats, scarves and gloves be named. We will be encouraging the children to put their own hat, scarf and gloves on. Great for fine motor development!



### Key Dates this term:

**8/11/17 - Reading, Writing and Phonics - A workshop for parents.** After the workshop you will have the opportunity to come down to Nursery to carry out activities with your child. Please return your slip on the letter sent previously if you are attending.

**10/11/17 - Fluoride** Nurses are in school to get confirmation signatures. **24/11/17 - Fluoride Application**

**1/12/17 - Low Ash Christmas Fair.**

**5/12/17 PM or 7/12/17 AM - Foundation Stage Special Christmas Performance** followed by a **Christmas Craft activity.** Further information to follow.

**14/12/17 - Nursery Christmas Party.** Children to come to Nursery dressed in their best party clothes and hopefully the big man in red will make an appearance! Further information will be sent nearer the time.