



**This half-term we will:**

- listen to a variety of stories about starting school, such as ‘Topsy and Tim Start School’ and ‘Kipper Goes to School’, as well as stories featuring bears, ‘Goldilocks and the Three Bears’
- talk about our new school and new routines
- talk about our families and where we live
- talk about our favourite toys and books
- learn to listen to a variety of sounds carefully, as well as make sounds with our body parts and musical instruments
- learn to recognise numbers
- sing number songs together, such as ‘Five Little Speckled Frogs’
- learn to describe the size of objects, using language like ‘big’, ‘medium’ and ‘small’, as well as place objects in order of size
- learn about the season of Autumn and make pictures with leaves
- draw faces – using writing tools - and make faces - using playdough - naming all of the different features
- learn about colours and patterns
- learn songs about taking care of ourselves
- learn to co-operate and play nicely with our new classmates (and remember their names!)
- learn to share our News with our classmates
- learn about the layout of our new classroom and how to use the equipment appropriately

**Please could you:**

- talk to your child about starting school – and any fears, doubts or questions that they may have
- identify numbers with your child in the environment around them – when going for a walk, for instance
- identify sounds that are all around us with your child – traffic, the doorbell, the telephone etc.
- talk about changes that occur during Autumn with your child e.g. leaves falling from the trees, windy weather
- sing simple nursery rhymes and number songs with your child
- **Please ensure your child has a bag of spare clothes and underwear on their peg and they come to school wearing a coat everyday, as they go outside in all weathers.**