**Literacy**

Children will be listening to lots of stories and rhymes, including: *Elmer, The Growing Story* and *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* We will begin with Phase One phonics: learning to tune in and listen to sounds in the environment, and listening for the initial sounds in words.

When children begin to demonstrate a good understanding of listening and hearing initial sounds, we will move on to Phase Two phonics. This will include learning to read and write simple words through blending and segmenting the sounds together, such as ‘sat’ and ‘pin’.

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**Maths**

Children will be learning to recognise and count out numbers through play. We will go on a number hunt to encourage children to notice numbers in the environment.

Children will learn to name some common 2D shapes and go on a shape hunt to see if they can find shapes in the environment.

**Understanding the World**

**History/ Geography:**

Share things they enjoy doing with family members and talk about their home routines. The home corner in our classroom will encourage talking about home life. Talk about the differences between home and school. Children will learn about harvest time and take part in the Harvest Festival at the church with the rest of the school.

**Science:**

Learn about the names of body parts. Learn about the five senses and investigate things they can see, hear, touch, smell and taste.

**ICT:**

We will be investigating toys that use ICT or have moving parts, such as Beebots.

**Expressive Art and Design**

Children will explore mixing colours and junk modelling using a range of materials.

Children will be learning to sing and perform a range of songs from the ‘Me!’ Charanga scheme of work.

Learning harvest songs to perform at the Harvest Festival.

**RE/PSHE**

**RE:** Discussing the question “Which people are special and why?” Visiting our local church for the Harvest Festival.

**PSHE:** Learning the unit: ‘Beginning and Belonging’.

Homework

**Reading –** Children will be sent home the new sounds in their phonics books to practise as we learn them in school. We expect them to practise these at home at least 3 times a week, please. They will also be sent home tricky words in their phonics book once a week to learn alongside the phonics sounds.

**Topic Homework-** Your child will be given a topic homework book with a challenge to complete during each half term. If you would like to help your child decorate their book to make it more personal to them, you are welcome to. The challenge will be related to our topic and there will be a range of activities for your child to choose from. This will be set during the second week of this half term and your child will have until Monday 7th October to complete it.

**Physical Development**

PE will take place on Tuesday afternoons this half term. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on this day. As the children are very physically active during Forest School sessions, our Thursday morning sessions will take the place of a second PE session.