

**Communication and Language**

Children will continue to develop communication and language skills through focused activities and free play. A focus will be placed on the child having a voice as they are encouraged to participate in all activities and discussions.

**RE**

The children will be exploring the festivals that happen during this season including Diwali and Christmas, gaining further understand of religion and its relationship to family and friendship.

**PSED**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development will focus on developing a sense of self-confidence and self-awareness, as we encourage children to become more independent, making their own choices and developing their own opinions.

**Literacy**

In Literacy We will continue to develop phonics knowledge as we progress on to Phase 3, letters, sounds, spelling and tricky words. We will enhance our passion for reading through our class topic and continue reading and sharing books with you at home. The children will begin to develop skills in sentence structuring which include using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops, whilst focusing on speaking and listening skills.

**Pioneers class Autumn term 2 topic web!**

**‘If you go down to the woods today…’**

**Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will be given the opportunity to get creative using various art materials, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. The children will develop knowledge and skills on the safe use of materials, tools and techniques whilst creating their masterpieces focused on topic work and festivals. .

**Physical Development**

Children will continue to develop fine and gross motor skills through focused PE sessions (managed by trained PE instructors within the Acorn Academy Trust), and through the use of manipulatives within the classroom environment, aiming to give the children the skills required to effectively control their body movements in order to develop tricky skills e.g. pencil control.

**Understand the World**  Children will explore the learning environment each week where they will be encouraged to take part in planning in the moment, developing on their own interests, knowledge and experiences. Children will explore the topic ‘if you go down to the woods today’, developing knowledge about Autumn, trees, animals, habitats etc whilst exploring a vast range of stories which support learning.

**Math**

In Math the children will continue to develop counting skills and number recognition through daily focused math sessions.

The children will explore numbers, number systems and begin to look at calculating numbers through games, songs and stories.