## Our theme this term is...

# **Aliens in Arbury!**



## As scientists we will:

Consider how we have changed over time and explore our senses. We will learn new scientific vocabulary and how to work through different scientific processes to examine different areas liked to senses. We will work as a whole class, small groups, pairs and individually.

# As geographers we will:

- Explore the features of our local environment
- Compare and contrast maps showing different locations
- Use maps to locate
- Identify how a key is used to show different real life objects
- Use observation skills to explore the features of our local environment.
- Create our own maps including a key.

# As writers we will:

- Write simple sentences using our phonic knowledge for support.
- Focus on simple punctuation which includes capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.
- Edit and improve own writing using feedback from the teacher and peers.
- Use creative writing skills to write captions, descriptions, letters and modelled stories.

## As programmers we will:

- Use tablets and computers to record images and video.
- Add voice recordings and word processing skills to add captions and narrate images.
- Create my own digital book.

# As mathematicians we will:

- Develop our understanding of number and place value.
- Apply our number skills when adding and subtracting.
- Explain our ideas using mathematical language.
- Use our mathematical skills and knowledge to solve problems.
- Identify and find half a quarters of shapes and numbers.
- Read and record time to the nearest hour/ half hour.

## As **designers** we will:

- Research different types of puppets looking at materials used to make them
- Design and make our own alien hand puppets using sewing skills.
- Evaluate our finished puppets suggesting future improvements.

#### MUSIC: Listening and Composition

Listening will include extracts from the Planets by Holst and composition linked to this.

We will also be preparing the music for our nativity.

#### PE:

**Dance-** Create body shapes and movements to respond to music through dance. Combine movements to create short sequences.

**Games**– Develop control and accuracy in throwing and catching and apply this.

## PHSE: My family and Friends

- Look at those people who are special to them.
- Explore the different relationships that they have.
- Discuss why we might fall out and how conflict can be resolved.

## RE: Christianity-Incarnation

- Learn the story of the birth of Jesus and why Jesus is important to Christians.
- Give examples of how Christians use the story of the nativity in their lives.
- Show thanks at Christmas time.

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term!

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome the four new pupils who have joined Wren class last half term and this half term, Adele, Masha, David and Angel. Please encourage your children be supportive in helping these children to integrate into life at The Grove by being a good friend and an excellent role models.

This half term the children will be having PE twice a week:

# **Tuesday– Indoor PE (gymnastics)**

# Wednesday– Outdoor PE (games)

Please ensure that full PE kits are in school including a change of shoes for outdoor PE, tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt.

All children in Wren class also need to make sure they bring their book bags, with reading books and reading record in, everyday as well as a water bottle. It is also a good idea to make sure your child brings a coat, ideally with a hood, as we will be outside on most occasions at break time and lunchtime.

We look forward to lots of exciting learning this term as well as working on our Christmas Nativity that we will be sharing with you .

If you have any questions or concerns we are happy to help!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wells (Mon, Tues, Thurs) and Mrs Cowe (Weds, Fri)

## Year 1