Autumn Term 2 – Tadpole Class
Terrific Tales/Christmas

In **Expressive Arts and Design** the children will have the opportunity to use a wide range of materials this term. They will be exploring Clay, paint blowing and textiles. **What can you do?** **Encourage your child to make models, mould play dough, use chalks, pastels of paint. Acting out known stories is an important part of learning to make sense of their world so encourage your child to act out their imaginary worlds with small world characters for example.**



Physical Development will take place with on Monday and Thursday and every morning in Mighty Movers with Tadpole staff. This term we are focusing on Dance in our PE sessions. **What can you do?** **As much physical exercise as possible!! The children's core strength generally needs some strengthening so any climbing, pushing, pulling and swinging will be fantastic.**

In **Personal, Social and Emotional Development** we will be focusing on the celebration of difference. They will be identifying their own talents, thinking about their own families and learning about how to stand up for themselves. **What can you do?** **Talk about your child's talents with them, ask them what they think they are good at and why. Talk about your family, how they might be the same/different to another family.**

This term **Understanding the World** focuses on dancing and traditions from around the world as well as developing greater understanding of the Christian tradition of Christmas. The Children will be learning about their own family traditions too.
What can you do? **Talk about family traditions. Support your child to understand about other faiths and traditions too.**



Communication and Language is one of the most important aspects of learning right now. We will spend time learning how to speak and listen in our oracy sessions. The children will be focusing on speaking audibly and clearly, asking and answering questions this term. **What can you do?** Spend time talking and listening together and as a family. Encourage your child to speak clearly and model how to say things correctly. Expect them to use new vocabulary and have high expectations of children answering your questions relevantly.

Literacy this term we will be focusing on Traditional tales. In particular The Little Red Hen and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. As the children grow in confidence they will be writing more, but our main focus will be on confident mark making and attempts at the written word. They are already making huge leaps in this area. **What can you do?** Simply encourage your child to form letters using their letter sheet, play with sounds, building words and encouraging them to attempt words. This stage is all about confidence, so anything you can do to support that will be amazing. Reading traditional tales (not Disney!) will be hugely beneficial also.

In **Maths** the children will continue to master number during this term. Subitising will continue to be high on the agenda and I will send home more information about this. As children progress they will be learning about 2 and 3D shape too. **What can you do?** Spot 2 and 3D shapes around the home and in the environment. Expect your child to be able to see numbers to 5 without counting each object.

