

# Feeling Afraid

## Dates for your diary:

4 <sup>th</sup> November	First day back after Half term.
25 <sup>th</sup> November	School Closed INSET DAY
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year R Church Visit
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	3.30-4.30pm Christmas Fayre Stay and Play??
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Sing Along 9.10am ( <i>letter to follow</i> )
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Sing Along 2.15pm ( <i>letter to follow</i> )
12 <sup>th</sup> December	School Closed Polling Day - INSET DAY
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day ( <i>letter to follow</i> )
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
6 <sup>th</sup> January	First Day back after half term

### Literacy

In our literacy sessions children will be focusing on three texts- Room on a broom, Owl Babies and Stick man. We will be acting out and re-telling the stories using puppets and props to help us. We will be applying the phonics that we have learnt to write words and simple captions. We will be identifying rhyming words and continuing a rhyming string to make silly potions to make our truly magnificent new brooms!

### Numeracy

We will continue working on recognising and understanding the value of numbers to 5. We will be sorting objects into sets and comparing amounts identifying which has more or less. We will be combining two sets of objects to find the total and solving practical problems using addition. We be using language related to time to talk about and sequence events in our day. We will be getting out in the woods to collect sticks to make our stick families comparing and ordering them by length and height.

### Phonics

During the half term we will be moving onto Phase 3 covering sounds, the new sounds and words will be coming home on a Friday so watch out in bookbags. Children will be applying their phonic knowledge to make simple regular words using magnetic letters and letter cards. We will continue to be providing lots of opportunities to play games to develop an awareness of rhyme, and blending and segmenting sounds in words both indoors and outside. We will be learning how to spell phase 2 tricky words l, the, to go, no, into.

### Music

Children will continue having weekly music sessions with Mrs Kerr. This half term they will focus on singing simple songs with actions using their voices and instruments to explore sounds. We will continue to work on our listening skills and responding to the beat.

### Physical Development

This half term we will be working hard on our scissor control and using tools for a particular purpose. We are still building on the children's independence when getting dressed and undressed and doing up their own coats.

### PE

Our focus for our PE lessons this half term is going to be moving and travelling. Children will explore different ways of travelling, changing direction and speed. We will be focussing on showing an awareness of the effects on their body during exercise and thinking of ways they can keep themselves fit and healthy.

### PSHE:

Watch out for The Culture books coming home. The children will each get the chance to share information and pictures from their culture and family traditions.

### SEAL New Beginnings

The SEAL theme for this part of term is 'Getting on and Falling out'. We will be focusing on friendships and working together as a part of a group or class, taking turns and sharing fairly. The children will be given tasks to work together in small groups or with a partner to develop their understanding that there needs to be agreed values and codes of behaviour in order for people to work together harmoniously.

### Understanding the World

Please can you send in a baby photo of your child. (We will take great care of them, please ensure they are named) We will be playing guess who with them. Discussing how we have changed and what we can do now.

We will be finding out about Recycling and Global warming, and how we can make changes in school and the impact of human activity. We will look at the human impact on the school grounds and how we can improve it. We will be getting out into the woods litter picking and observing seasonal changes as we move into winter.

### Exploring Media and materials

As we approach the festive season we will be busy practising for the Christmas Sing song.

In a TASC Wheel (Thinking actively in a social context), the children will be designing and making a shiny Christmas tree decoration. They will first need to test materials to see which are the shiniest (lots of fun with torches and dark rooms!) and then design the shape and colour of their decoration, thinking about how they will make it shine! Finally they will evaluate their design and think about how they could have made it even better.

This half term we will be looking at different Artists to inspire our artwork such as Jackson Pollock's splatter paintings and Van Gough's Starry Night.

Please send in any great examples of your child's writing or maths on their whiteboard. You can send a photo into school or e.mail it to [info@glenfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:info@glenfieldschool.co.uk)

### You can help your child at home by:

- Practise writing the spellings sent home; l, no, to, go, the, into
- Practise the sounds and words sent home each week.
- Encouraging your child to get dressed independently, and be responsible for their own items.
- Reading daily bedtime stories, talking about the plot and making predictions what might happen next.