First Federation Trust

St Andrew's Primary Academy - Chardstock

Term: Autumn 2, 2026 **Class:** Little Acorns

Physical development

The children will have daily activities to further develop their fine motor skills, such as threading, modelling doh, peg boards and mark making activities. We will be working on our pencil grip this half term and ensuring that children are practising and using a tripod grip.
We will develop our gross motor skills through a range of activities each week including the climbing frame, bikes and trikes, PE games, yoga, dance and exploring the forest school area.

Literacy Development:

We are looking forward to celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week - 9th to 13th of November. Our nursery rhymes for this week are 'Doctor Foster, 1,2,3,4,5, row, row, row your boat, Hickory, dickory dock and Pussy cat pussy cat. We will be learning some new stories and rhymes as well as revisiting traditional tales that the children will already be familiar with.
Our poems for this term is 'A wise old owl' 'Falling apples' and 'Breezy weather" from the Poetry basket; the children will again be learning words and actions.

Expressive Arts & Design:

This half-term, the children will be developing their Expressive Arts and Design skills through a variety of Bonfire Night and Christmas-themed activities. They'll explore colour, texture, and materials as they create firework paintings, bonfire collages and Christmas decorations. These fun, hands-on experiences help children express their ideas, use their imagination and develop fine motor skills. We'll also enjoy festive songs, role play and storytelling, encouraging creativity and confidence.

Key Texts:

Peck, peck, peck
Nursery Rhyme Week
Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's dairy
Aliens love underpants
There's a bear on my chair
Squirrels snowman
Pick a pine tree

Once Upon A Rhyme



Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Now that the children are all well settled, we will be further encouraging friendships and cooperative working together. Last term the children talked about Nursery rules and what qualities we would like to see in each other, so staff will be encouraging the children to act according to those and supporting each other through kindness.

Other information:

We are looking forward to Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December.

Mathematics:

This half term, we will be focusing on developing the children's number skills. They will practise counting confidently through a range of everyday activities and playful experiences. In addition, the children will work on matching and sorting objects based on size, colour, and quantity, which helps build their understanding of numbers and patterns. We will also encourage them to recognise numbers in their environment, supporting early number awareness in a fun and engaging way.

Understanding the World:

We will be learning about fireworks and bonfires at the start of November and learning about Remembrance day. We will be getting excited for Christmas soon after that. The Nursery children will learn all about the Christmas story and why some people celebrate Christmas and what this looks like in our own families. We hope to explore the forest school area each week.

Communication & Language:

The children will participate in storytelling sessions, group discussions, and interactive games that encourage them to express themselves clearly and confidently. We will also be introducing new vocabulary linked to our topics and encouraging children to ask questions and share their ideas.

Supporting your child at home by talking about their day, reading together, and encouraging conversations will greatly reinforce these skills.