# Welcome to Autumn 2 in EYFS!

This half term, our main learning themes are Amazing Animals and Our Celebrations, building directly on our overarching theme of 'our five senses' and learning from last half term.

## Exploring Seasons & Nature

- Seasonal Changes: We are exploring the shift from Autumn into Winter and looking at how seasons differ around the world. We'll also take small-group walks to investigate our immediate local environment.
- Welly Wednesday: Building on our school field explorations, we'll hold weekly forest-school-style outdoor sessions every Wednesday afternoon to observe seasonal changes in real time.

## Amazing Animals & Role Play

- Treehouse Learning: Our classroom role-play area is transforming into a treehouse for children to explore, imagine, and investigate.
- Habitats & Wildlife: Children will learn about woodland and park animals, focusing on hibernation, habitats, nocturnal creatures, and how animals use their five senses to survive.

## Celebrations Around the World

- Festivals & Traditions: We will learn about celebrations special to us and to diverse communities across the UK and around the world, including Diwali, Bonfire Night, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
- Cultural Understanding: Through creative, hands-on activities, children will explore the similarities and differences between these special occasions and learn why people celebrate them.

## Art, Language & Personal Development

- Artist Focus: We'll explore the artwork of Wassily Kandinsky to practice shape recognition and color mixing.
- Communication & PSED: We will place a big emphasis on speaking, listening, and understanding–deepening discussions with new vocabulary and sharing thoughts confidently.
- School Routines & Values: Continuing to support happy, settled children, we will revisit our core rules (Be Safe, Be Ready, Be Respectful) and celebrate weekly examples of our school values: *teamwork, friendship, perseverance, responsibility, respect, truthfulness, creativity, and compassion.*

Home-School Connection Miss Cotterell and Mrs Neal will share weekly updates on Google Classroom detailing our specific learning objectives across phonics, literacy, maths, and expressive arts, along with practical tips for how you can support your child's learning at home.

🌧️ Welly Wednesday Reminders Please ensure your child comes prepared every Wednesday with:

- Clearly Labeled Wellies (in a bag marked with your child's name).
- If you wish Waterproofs (plus hats, scarves & gloves as the weather cools).
- Spare Socks & Trousers in their bag just in case.