



Theme:
Communication

Concept:
Togetherness

Topic:
Seasons and
Celebrations

Welcome back pupils and parents of Whaley Thorns. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Miss Williams your new foundation teacher. I am so excited to meet everyone and for all the fun learning we have planned for this term. I believe communication between teacher and parent is so important, so please do not hesitate to contact me through Dojo with any queries or to share learning from home.

During this half term we will be exploring the outdoors at every opportunity and looking out for seasonal changes and the signs of autumn creeping into winter. We will be making regular trips to the forest school to observe the changes and explore the natural world around us.

We continue to form friendships, learn valuable sharing skills, turn taking, become confident communicators and most importantly have happy days learning together and developing curiosity, awe and wonder at Whaley Thorns.

Things to remember:

Water Bottles

Please label any belongings and uniform.

Thursday is library day; can all children please return books weekly so these can be swapped.

Please read each day with your child.

Please check Dojo daily for any messages and to see what we have been learning about.

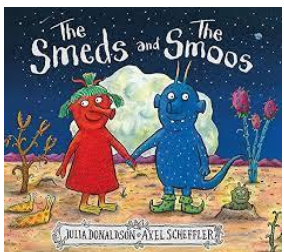
A very special Christmas celebration will take place on 13th of December, Foundation children will perform Christmas jingles and play jingle bells, an event not to be missed!

Literacy: We will be continuing our phonics learning, focusing on single sounds and oral blending of these sounds in words, increasing fluency of reading. Please check Dojo to see what these are each week.

Maths: In maths we will be developing spatial reasoning skills, by exploring 2D and 3D shape and recognizing these in the environment. Using 'first, then and now' number stories for simple subtraction and introducing the part-whole model to show number bonds to 5.

Understanding of the world: As part of our celebrations topic, foundation children will be learning about what times are special to people and why. With a specific focus on Diwali and Christmas.

Expressive arts and design: As always we will be creative each day using a variety of tools, techniques and materials with a focus on mark making and patterns.



On a far-off planet, Smeds and Smoos can't be friends. So when a young **Smed** and **Smoos** fall in love and zoom off into space together...

Book recommendations for this term. Borrow from school or pop to your local library!

