

 Parent/ Carer Info sheet: Autumn 2

In literacy we will be focusing on our Sensory story “Circus” as well as topic related stories such as “Spot goes to the circus” and “The Circus Ship” and songs and poems. We will continue with our sensory writing warm up and mark making in a range of circus related sensory materials,e.g. sawdust, popping corn and candy floss.

## Our theme this half term is: “The Circus is Coming to Town” and we look forward to learning about which people and animals we can find at the circus and where in the world they come from as well as how the circus travels around. We will also explore and celebrate Diwali and Christmas.

We will be spending time in the school grounds with our class and bubble, when it is safe to do so.

Unfortunately we are unable to take a class visit this half term, in line with school and local authority Risk assessments, however, our focus is to stay safe and enjoy time as a class with our friends

 In daily maths sessions we will explore a range of resources, e.g. colour bags, sensory numbers, the pompom counting gloves, sensory counting sticks and sensory objects to encourage reaching, holding and exploration. We will be hearing number and counting rhymes and songs and handling props to represent the count as well as finding numerals on number lines.

We will be looking at/creating a range of shapes that we may see in the circus

We are exploring different concepts through Maths massage.

Our computing focus will include continuing to use the eye gaze, touch screen, pro wise screen and switches to alter our environment as well as our amplification equipment to encourage everyone to communicate.

 There is an excellent website we use here:- ianbean.co.uk which has great switch, touch screen and eye gaze activated activities which our pupils find interesting to use.

In Science we will be exploring different materials in our “circus trays” and describing how they feel/ exploring how to change materials e.g. making popcorn with a machine.

 We will be working on the Science award ‘Sneaky Shadows”