

### **English/Phonics**

The children will focus on learning individual sounds so they are able to develop their reading skills through segmenting and blending. They will also be understanding how different texts can be used for different purposes through guided reading and will be developing their oral retelling of stories using the books by Oliver Jeffers. The children will be focusing on how to write simple phonetically plausible words and will continue to write their name with increasing accuracy.

### **Personal, social and emotional development**

Children will be understanding how we are all special in our own way and where we live with our families.

### **RE**

The children will use stories to gain an understanding of different religious festivals that happen during November and December.

## **Reception – Term 2** **Near and Far**

**Maths**

The children will be focusing on the numbers 1 to 5 and exploring these in great depth. They will look at the composition of the numbers, how they can represent them in different ways and begin to compare them using one more and one less. The children will also be learning about different 2D shapes and deepening their knowledge of positional language.

**Communication and Language**

The children will explore the past tense and develop their questioning skills to show their understanding of why things happen. Children will further develop their story telling skills and their understanding of speaking in different groups.

**Physical Development**

Children will have the opportunity to involve themselves in activities which continue to support the development of their fine motor skills. They will also take part in PE sessions which will help them to develop their gross motor skills and co-ordination using team games.

### **Expressive Arts & Design**

The children will be using their artistic skills to junk model their own boats and experiment with paper folding. They will use their modelling skills to create their own salt dough decorations.

**Understanding the World**

They will develop their scientific knowledge of how our world changes in Winter through observational drawings. The children will learn about different animals that live in Winter habitats and their environments. They will also develop the understanding of floating and sinking and begin to understand the scientific concept of melting and freezing by conducting a science experiment. We will explore the world around us by understanding our town of Long Sutton and discussing the buildings in the town.