# Communication and Language

We will be collecting vocabulary that describes the squirrel and its characteristics. The children will use their knowledge of positional words to describe the route the squirrels take when they chase the pine cone.

# Physical Development

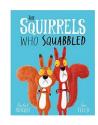
The children will be doing PE in the hall twice this week. They have gymnastics on Tuesday and dance on Thursday. The children will be working on their fine motor control by using scissors to cut along a line and tweezers to pick up small objects.

#### Personal Social and Emotion

It is Anti-Bullying Week this week and we will be talking about what to do if someone is being unkind to you. We will be talking about who you can 'Reach Out' to for help.

#### Literacy

The children will be writing a letter to Plan Ahead Bruce to suggest some ideas he could use to help Spontaneous Cyril. We will be focussing on sounding out the words and hearing the sounds. In Phonics the children will be learning f, ff, l, ll and ss. In handwriting the children will be learning to write these letters correctly.



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## Understanding of the World

We will be looking at the setting of our story and comparing it to the environment around us. We will be finding North America on a map and discussing how it is a different country with different features and animals.

# Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be dying and decorating an odd sock to link with our Anti-Bullying week. We will be acting out our story and role playing the different characters. In music we will continue to explore Rainbows and colour whilst using the shakes to create a soothing sound.

### <u>RE</u>

In RE we will be exploring the different events that happen in Church. The children will be talking about why Christians choose to go to church. We will be talking about our up coming visit to church and what we are going to do there.

'A sweet friendship refreshes the soul'

## <u>Mathematics</u>

We are going to look at the mathematical concept of part and whole. The children will be exploring what makes an amount whole and what makes it part of the whole. This concept is an important one for children to grasp as it is the building block for addition and subtraction.

We will practice our number formation to five.

## Parental Involvement Activity

This week we will finish reading our book 'The Squirrels that Squabbled'. Ask your child to retell the story to you. Ask them questions about the story and what happened next. Ask them to explain why the squirrels were squabbling. Ask them to tell you who got the pine cone in the end. Ask them who chased them. Ask them to explain what happened at the end of the story. The more they can explain to you the more they have understood and engaged with their learning. This ability to recall and explain to others shows the children have remembered what they have been taught which is a vital part of learning. If you wish to explore the story yourself there are several versions of it on You Tube.