

## Yearly Theme Overview 2017/2018 – Yew Tree Class

Autumn 1

### **Marvellous Me**

Including: children sharing information about themselves, talking about family members, hobbies, favourite objects through the presentation of their "Marvellous Me" box. Developing communication skills and peer relationships.

Autumn 2

### **Festivals/Celebrations 'Christmas'**

Including: children exploring different cultures and religions and the celebrations they enjoy. Celebration through music lessons and within expressive arts and design. Developing their understanding of the world and the people in it.

Spring 1

### **Traditional Stories**

Including: children will have the opportunity to hear traditional tales and stories, act out and create their own stories through drama. Develop their reading and writing skills through stories presented within Read Write Inc.

Spring 2

### **Growing Things**

Including: children planting and growing flowers, fruits and vegetables, harvesting them and using them within foods. Measuring as they grow and develop, talking about the changes they see. Encouraging them to try new things and developing their appreciation and care of the natural world. Gain understanding of how things develop and grow.

Summer 1

### **Mini-beasts and Gardening**

Including: children taking part in mini-beast hunts and tending to the garden area both within Yew Tree class and around the school. Exploring the outdoor classroom and Forest School. Children have the opportunity to take care of living things through class pets and care of the garden.

Summer 2

### **Underwater Animals and Creatures/ Being a buddy**

Including: children learn about underwater animals, look at their similarities and differences. Children will develop their independence through becoming a buddy for the new reception intake, opportunities to share their learning of the Barrow values and making new relationships.