

What are we learning?

This half term our topic is Autumn and Celebrations

- Our Key knowledge will be learning about Autumn. How the weather gets cooler, and it gets darker earlier.
- During autumn time, most leaves start to change colour and some leaves fall off trees and they eventually become bare.
- During autumn time some animals, such as hedgehogs begin to hibernate until the warmer months
- Squirrels collect nuts and hide acorns underground to eat during the winter months
- To understand what a celebration is?

Phonics

In phonics we will continue to learn and consolidate **phase 2 sounds and tricky words**. These can be found in your child's reading pack in a clear plastic wallet.

We are building fluency when blending sounds for reading and segmenting sounds for spelling. Please support your child to recognise all phase 2 sounds.

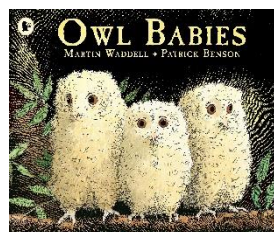
Physical development:

The children will continue balance bikes this term with Miss Hobson

Fine motor –We are continuing to develop our fine motor skills through dough disco sessions.

Literacy

In literacy we will begin looking at The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemmingway and 'Owl babies' by Martin Waddle. The children will be encouraged to retell the story and to develop their descriptive language.



Reading

Each child has been sent home with a reading pack. Please spend time to read with your children. Support from parents and carers with reading at home is so important to a child's development.

The letter sounds your child is learning are also in the reading packs. Use these to practice the sounds and create simple words such as cat, man, sits for your child to read.

Maths

In Mathematics, we are looking in detail at the numbers 1- 3.

To be able to subitise

To represent numbers in different ways

To be able to say one more and one less.

To explore the composition of numbers 1-3

Tapestry

Thank you to parents who have commented on observations, and uploaded things on to tapestry. It really helps us to see your child's development and what they enjoy doing. Please continue to use Tapestry to contribute to your child's Learning journey.

Reminders

*Please label all belongings in a permanent marker.

*Please read with your child and ensure they bring their book bag in on their allocated reading day.

Learning at Home

Literacy

- Provide your child with lots of opportunities to write their name or to label familiar objects.
- Please continue to practice letters and sounds with your child at home. The correct pronunciation of the phonic sounds can be found on the school website on our reception page.
- Support your child to form letters correctly.
- Read with your child every day and help them to practice the high frequency words and phonemes in their word pouch.

Mathematics

- Continue to play games that use dice.
- Reciting numbers as you are walking or climbing stairs.
- Finding shapes in the environment.
- Challenging your child to give one more or less than a number.
- Baking with your child and encouraging them to count out, weigh and compare ingredients.
- Asking your children to order numbers and ask them questions such as which number is next?.... Or which number is smaller or larger?



Learning through technology

There are many fantastic and some free apps available for iPads and smart phones that are a fantastic way to make learning fun. Here are some suggestions to support your child's learning.

Funbrain Jnr. – Reading & Maths **Alphablocks** – Letter recognition **Cbeebies Storytime** – Reading **Hairy Letters** – Letter formation and blending **Bugs & Numbers** – Range of maths games **Phonics play**

Don't forget we are here to help and support you and your child. Please don't hesitate to speak to any member of the Foundation staff and inform us of any worries or concerns.