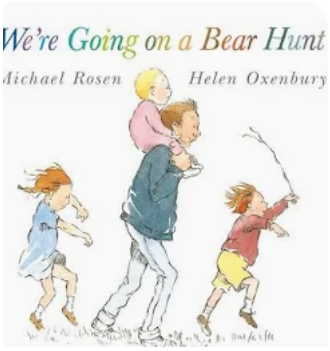
Nursery Half-Term Knowledge Organiser

Autumn 2 - We're Going on a Bear Hunt - Exploring



Core Text	We're going on a Bear Hunt
Core Song	Brown Bear Bear What do you see?
Big Question	What can we discover about bears
School Value	Respect
Jigsaw Theme	Celebrating Difference
RE	Exploring God's Wonderful World
Season	Late Autumn/Winter

Key Vocabulary

bear	forest	paw	cave
explore	adventure	leaf	autumn
weather	discover		

Key Questions

What can we see on our adventure?
What can we discover outdoors?
Where do bears live?
What changes can we see in Autumn and Winter?
How can we be brave explorers?

What We Are Learning

Communication & Language	Asking simple questions, Listening carefully, Talking about discoveries and Bears
PSED	Trying new experiences, Playing alongside others, Building confidence
Physical Development	Obstacle courses, Large movements, Fine motor exploration
Literacy	Retelling familiar stories, Joining in with repeated refrains
Phonics	Environmental sounds, body percussion, rhythm and rhyme, listening games, identifying sounds in the environment.
Mathematics	Pattern & Early Number
Understanding the World	Seasonal change, Nature exploration, Light and dark. Learn about celebrations and festivals, including Christmas, and how families celebrate together
Mediums	Drawing, painting, natural materials, transient art, printing
Creative Experiences	Autumn art, Natural materials, Music and movement
Celebrations	**Experiences**
Bonfire Night Remembrance Day Diwali Christmas	Making a bear cave Shadow exploration with torches Dark Den

HOME LINKS	**Prior knowledge/experiences**	**Reception Links**
Go on an Autumn/Winter walk and talk about what you notice. Collect leaves and natural treasures. Read We're Going on a Bear Hunt together. Count objects around your home. Talk about animals and where they live.	Children may have: Seen bears in stories and songs. Explored parks or outdoor spaces. Collected leaves and natural objects. Talked about animals they know.	Exploring the natural world. Asking questions and noticing change. Using new vocabulary to describe observations. Links to Reception: Star in the Jar – curiosity, celebrations, seasonal change, light and dark.

I CAN...	**Key Knowledge**
Talk about what I discover outdoors. Join in with and retell parts of a familiar story. Describe a bear and where it lives. Count and compare small groups of objects. Explore using my senses. Show curiosity and confidence when trying new things. 	Bears are animals, have fur, paws and claws. Leaves, trees and weather change in Autumn and Winter. Light helps us to see. Shadows are made when light is blocked. Families and communities celebrate special events in different ways. Patterns can be found in nature and everyday life. We can use our senses to explore the world.