NURSERY AUTUMN 2 WHY ARE THE LEAVES FALLING FROM THE TREES? CURRICULUM LEAFLET

Communication and Language

This term, we will continue to develop our repertoire of stories and rhymes as we join in with familiar phrases. We will begin to ask "what, where and who" questions, as we take part in 'hot seat' activities for familiar story characters.

Share what you have been up to on Tapestry.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We are now familiar with our learning environment, so we will use of resources with growing independence. We will continue to follow our routines and build relationships with adults and peers in our setting. We will continue to learn to manage our personal hygiene, including handwashing, brushing teeth, and blowing noses.

Encourage your child to put on their own coat and shoes.

Physical Development

We will develop our gross motor skills through big movements like obstacle courses and stretching sessions, as well as climbing and building during our Forest Friday sessions. We will learn to handle spoons and containers during baking activities.

Encourage your child top help with cooking and baking activities (with adult help!)

Mathematics

We will consolidate our counting skills of amounts to 3, including recognizing different representations of numbers to 3, like dice, dominos or numicon. We will explore shape as we play and spot 2D shapes in our environment. We will learn some positional language and explore size, weight and length through carpet time and baking activities.

Count how many things you can see around the house, such as windows or bananas.

Literacy

Our core text is 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We will learn facts about owls and other woodland animals, reading related stories like 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear', 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Bird Builds a Nest'. We will begin recognizing rhythm in words as we partake in a range of rhythmic activities, like clapping syllables in familiar words and our names. We will recognise familiar logos, like shops, apps or book covers.

Join in with familiar words and phrases in your favourite stories. Share them on Tapestry!

Understanding the world

We will continue to develop of knowledge of Autumn and observe the changes as Winter comes, learning about woodland animals and hibernation. We will talk about special times in our lives like Bonfire Night and Christmas, and learn the Nativity story. We will continue to explore technology, interacting with games and remote control toys.

Talk about special times in your family. Do you have any photos to look at?

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We will use our senses to explore seasonal changes, and talk about how to keep ourselves safe and warm in dark nights and cold weather.

Talk about wrapping up to keep warm with hat, scarf, coat, gloves.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will continue to explore colour and texture in our artwork. We will use a range of techniques like collage, cutting, painting, and drawing to design artwork related to our woodland learning. We will use our imagination in our role play areas as we re-enact home life, the Nativity story, and our familiar texts like 'Owl Babies'.

Encourage role play with toys at home.

Counting and number facts

- Count 1, 2, 3 aloud

- Count up to 3 items

- Compare the size and weight of objects

- Follow simple instructions to put objects in the correct place.

- Point out similarities or differences in objects e.g. "these are both blue", "one blue, one red", "this one is big"

Core stories

Special times in my family

Key vocabulary

Autumn	Winter	Cold	Warm
Special	Christmas	Nativity	Fireworks
Woods	Woodland	Nest	Stick

Nursery rhyme time

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1. Go for a Winter walk and spot the first signs of Winter approaching. Can you spot frost on the grass? How have the trees changed? How does it feel outside?



2. It gets very cold in Winter! Can you draw a picture of some things that could keep you warm?



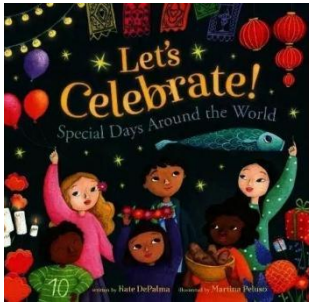
3. Create a sock snowman! Fill up an old sock with rice, cotton wool or fallen leaves! Glue or draw on eyes and buttons.



4. Build a cosy fort and cuddle up with your favourite story!



5. Collect some photographs of special times and celebrations in your family. What did you celebrate? Were there any special decorations or clothes? Who did you celebrate with?



6. Help your grown up prepare a vegetable soup to keep you warm. Choose your favourite vegetables and help to peel and chop them!



Share all of your creations and ideas on Tapestry!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3rd November – school reopens

Thursday 12th November – Seven Stories storytelling experience for EYFS 10am

Friday 13th November – Children in Need (wear spots)

Friday 20th November – Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 2nd December – Christmas Lunch day

Wednesday 9th December - EYFS Christmas Show 9.15am

Wednesday 9th December – Christmas fair 3.30pm

Friday 11th December – non-uniform day in exchange for a tombola prize

Tuesday 15th December - Nursery Christmas Crafternoon 2.15-2pm

Thursday 17th December – Christmas party afternoon

Friday 18th December – school closes at 1.30pm for Christmas holidays