

Autumn



Talk for Writing

Each week we will look at a new book with an Autumn or local theme. We will read this book every day so we can really understand the story and the different parts of the story. We focus on prediction, new vocabulary, setting, the characters and main events in the story practise retelling the story either with props or by acting out. Then we look at changing one thing in the story and become the authors using our imaginations. We will be spending time looking at other books throughout the sessions as the children love sitting together to share familiar stories.

Focus Story

Our focus text this half term is 'We're going on a bear hunt'. We will be following this throughout the half term through different activities, so the children really get to know and understand the text. We will be exploring the vocabulary and journey through the story.

Tell us a story

We will be continuing/introducing the children telling us their stories, which we write down and keep to see how their stories are adapting and changing throughout the topics we are doing. We will do this by telling 'Helicopter Stories' or '5 Sentence stories'

At home

It would be wonderful if you could read *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* at home with your child too, talking about the pictures and pages as you go. Encourage your child to join in with the repeated phrases and actions, and talk together about the different places the family travels through, such as the grass, river, mud, forest and snowstorm.

It would also be lovely to go on your own bear hunt adventures! You could explore your garden, local park or a woodland walk and talk about all the things you can see, hear and feel. You could even create your own obstacle courses and encourage your child to use positional and preposition words such as over, under, around, through, on and in as they complete the course.

Please let us know on Tapestry about any bear hunt adventures you go on, and share photographs or stories of your experiences.

Making up your own bear hunt stories together and talking about the 5-sentence stories the children bring home will also help to develop their language, imagination and storytelling skills.

Awe and Wonder

During the term we will be exploring the changing of the seasons, looking for awe and wonder throughout the Autumn and how it changes to Winter. We will be looking at all the treasures, colours and changes that Autumn brings.

At Home

We hope you will look for these changes whilst out and about this term too. If you find anything that's really interesting, please can you put it on Tapestry and bring anything in that can go on our interest table that we can explore. We will be sending home a bag for you to fill with autumn finds too. This includes any books you may have to support the activities we are doing. I wonder who will spot the first conker this year?

Maths

Noticing

We will be taking time to notice small details in all we see. We will look at size/shape/number and all other things to get some good mathematical language and to encourage the eye for details.

Comparing/sorting

We will be sorting objects in different ways, comparing amounts, looking at more, fewer and the same.

Number

We will be looking at subitising to 3, recognising 1,2 and 3 objects. We will start to use 5 frames to help understand number (cardinal number).

We will be learning number songs to help with learning the number order (ordinal number).

At Home

Spend time noticing objects and comparing objects. Give children the opportunity to spend time looking and talking about different things. Model good descriptive language when looking at objects. Conkers are great Autumn resources to use for Maths fun.

please watch this to help with understanding subitising

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Al7WXLmCxGI>

WAC - Geography

Where do we live?

This term with our geography focus, we will be looking at these statements from the EYFS: “Describe a familiar route” and “Discuss routes and locations, using words like ‘in front of’ and ‘behind’.” To do this we will be talking about where we live, walking around the school, Forest School and Great Missenden, talking about the routes we take and the way we go. We will be going for local walks and having a go at making maps. We had our Hook Day with Little City coming in so we could role play different occupations we may see in the local area. We will also be combining this with our Autumn focus and our time in Forest School to look at these statements from the EYFS:

“Use all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials” and “Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things”. .

We will also be looking at how things have changed (with the seasons) in the environment and in the local area. We are planning an Autumn walk around Great Missenden on 25th September.

At Home

When you’re walking in your local area please talk to the children about which way you’re going and where things are. For example, we are going to the Co-op next to the train station. The lights are in front of the shop etc.

Little Wandle Phonics

This half term we will be focusing on getting to know the children, listening to stories and singing nursery rhymes. When we are learning nursery rhymes we will learn a new nursery rhyme each week. During singing and story times we will discuss any new vocabulary, rhyming words and alliteration.

At Home

I will add a copy of the nursery rhyme to Tapestry each week. Please sing and learn these with your children at home.

Please check the Little Wandle parents page for help with sounds.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents>

Other Information

Cooking - A cooking list with ingredients is also attached and is available on the website. Please get in touch if you have any concerns. We will be doing cooking activities on Wednesday but may go across different days so please let us know if there is a problem with any of the ingredients for cooking or snack.

PE - PE is on a Friday. Please come in socks, trainers and trousers that day. The children take their shoes and socks off for PE.

Forest School - Our sessions will be on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

A gentle reminder - Please pick up Preschool children first. There is a window between 3:05 and 3:15pm to pick up to make it easier for you.

Dates for the Diary - Please keep up to date on the website

<https://www.greatmissendenschool.co.uk/pre-school/>

Wish Lists - Thank you so much to the parents who have already contributed already, but If you are able we would be grateful for anything on our wish list to help with the consumables we get through on a daily basis. we will be updating it regularly.

Pre School - <https://amzn.eu/d/fYlSVWc>

Forest School - <https://amzn.eu/1uqivo6>