

What we are learning this half term.

We hope you had a lovely break and are all ready for another exciting half term. We are starting off the term by getting all spooky for Halloween. Our role play area has been turned in to a Witches Kitchen and we will be reading the story "What's In The Witches Kitchen". We will be doing lots of Halloween activities to support our learning including counting spooky objects and completing some Halloween crafts. We will also be reading "The Bear Snores On" and looking at the changing seasons. As well as all this we will be learning about Remembrance Day, the Hindu festival of Diwali, Bonfire Night and of course Christmas.

The children will have plenty of opportunities to mark make using different tools and equipment and they will be completing some Funky Fingers activities to develop their fine motor skills and pencil grip. We will also practise writing our names and during phonics time we will be sharing rhyming stories, singing songs and rhymes and looking at alliteration.

We will be developing our use of numbers by matching numeral and quantity, looking at different groups of objects and identifying which has more or less and counting a variety of objects to find out how many. The children will also be exploring shape by looking for shapes in the environment and using shapes for different tasks e.g. building.

How you can help at home.

Share stories with repeated language and rhythm e.g. The Gruffalo, We're Going On A Bear Hunt and encourage your child to join in with the repeated parts. Encourage your child to talk about what happens next in familiar stories. Ask your child to teach you a song or rhyme we have been singing in Nursery.

Do lots of counting of everyday objects when you're out and about or at home. E.g. counting steps and stairs, fruit into a bowl, counting enough cups at teatime etc. Look for shapes in the environment e.g. rectangles for windows, circles for wheels.

Every Friday the children bring home a "Boundary Learning Together" slip – a BLT! This is a short, fun activity for you to do together. Please complete the activity with your child and bring the slip back to school on the following Thursday. We always love to see what you are doing together.

Reminders

- Nursery session times are 8.40am – 11.40am and 12.20pm – 3.20pm.
- Please make sure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Please can every child bring in a change of clothes.
- Phonics Bingo for parents and children Wednesday 6th November
- 18th November World Nursery Rhyme Week. Parents will be invited in on Thursday 21st November.
- Christmas Stay and Play Thursday 12th December.



You're a Star!



Name

Achievement

Signature