

EYFS Curriculum Overview Autumn 2021

In pre-school this term we will be learning to settle, get used to our routines, learn the names of our new friends and the adults in this setting. We are learning songs that support our daily routines as well as nursery rhymes and stories. We are learning where everything goes, where to hang our belongings and where the different parts of the classroom are and what we like to do best in the setting.

Our key texts this term are Owl Babies (because we're baby owls ourselves), Little Red Riding Hood, We're Going On A Bear Hunt, Stickman and The Nativity. There will be lots of opportunity to hear, join in with, make our own versions of and learn these stories by heart. Every week we will be out and about in the school grounds and our very own woodland, having bonfires, cooking and crafting and making the most of our beautiful environment.

To support our learning we will be rescuing Little Red Riding Hood's Grandma, going on our own bear hunt, making our own stickmen and learning all about the Nativity.

This term in Kittiwakes and Curlews classes we will start the year with our topic 'All About Me'. The children have made themselves as spoon characters and we will be finding out through our "Talking spoons" all about the children's like and dislikes how they approached making their spoon and who was there to help them. This will lead us nicely into encouraging the children to talk about their families as they draw them. There will be lots of opportunity for children to draw, paint and collage their own portraits as they begin to explore different media.

After this, we will delve into the season of Autumn with our focus story 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We will be learning how to retell the story in Makaton, doing taste test experiments, sequencing the story and making our own storyboard versions.

The children will have the opportunity to tell us what they already know about the changing seasons and pose some questions of their own for us to find out about over the weeks. We will be making the most of the seasonal changes as we go on Autumn scavenger hunts, colour hunts and tiny natural objects to make into collages. We will be ending the half term with a bonfire, some porridge and a performance of our own version of Goldilocks and the Three Bears to share with parents via Tapestry.

As part of our topic work we will explore all there is to know about bonfire and firework night using all of our senses. We will be painting to firework music, using mixed media to create our own works of art as well as looking at other festivals and celebrations as the term commences. Before we know it preparations for Christmas will be upon us and the Nativity story, Christmas decorations, letters to Father Christmas and lots of singing and celebrating will be the order of the day!