



Why do squirrels hide Celebrations Foundation Autumn



their nuts? Term 2

Welcome back, we hope you all had a great half term and it is lovely to see all the children back in school. It has been a joy to see how well the children have settled into Foundation. To build the children's independence we would like you to start leaving them at the door in the morning so that they can follow their established routine independently. Thank you for sharing your child's learning from home on the WOW stars and we encourage you to continue to do so. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to one of the members of Foundation either in the morning or at the end of the day. We also have ClassDojo where you can contact us through the messaging service.

Topic Overview

Why do squirrels hide their nuts? Why do hedgehogs hibernate? We will be exploring these questions and more in our topic about seasonal changes in the natural world during late Autumn and Winter. We will be learning about nocturnal animals, hibernation and migration, woodland animals and seasonal celebrations. We will talk about why people celebrate Bonfire night, Diwali and Remembrance Day and join in with the celebrations. During the last couple of weeks of term we will be focusing on the meaning of Christmas and performing 'The Nativity' to the school and our families. On Thursday afternoons, we shall start our **Forest school sessions** led by Mrs Ward. This will enable the children to explore the natural environment and learn how to keep safe and look after our local wildlife and environment. Please remember to send in appropriate clothes for your child to wear and a pair of wellingtons.

Programmes of Study

Literacy	We will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to and joining in with stories • Continuing to learn our sounds in Phonics • Rhyming • Finding information in non-fiction books • Recall the key events of a story, setting and characters • Writing our names and labelling with simple words
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finding 1 less from a group of objects • Adding • Subtracting • 2D shapes and their properties • Patterns • Money
Personal, Social and Emotional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning how to adjust our behaviour to different situations • To speak about our needs, wants, interests and opinions • Taking turns and sharing resources • Understanding that our actions affect other people • Being confident to speak in front of an audience
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listen to a story without pictures or props • Extend our vocabulary by exploring the meaning and sounds of new words • Use a range of new vocabulary in our everyday play • Use language to imagine and recreate roles • Following simple instructions • Taking turns to speak
Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand that equipment and tools have to be used safely • Use simple tools to effect changes to materials • Hold pencil between thumb and two fingers and use with good control • Experiment with different ways of moving • Understand how to keep healthy and safe

Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk about the changes they observe over time • Look at similarities and differences between their families and others • Comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world • Understand that information can be retrieved from computer • Complete a simple program on the iPad • Look at different festivals celebrated during Autumn and Christmas
Expressive Art and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create simple representations of objects, people and events • Describe the texture of things • Use construction materials to build and balance • Understand that different media can be combined to create new effects • Build up a range of songs

Curriculum Enrichment	Home Learning
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Autumn Day- A day spent looking at Autumn and the changes it brings to our environment. Children will go on an Autumn walk on Wednesday 6th November

Forest school

Nativity performance

Visit to local care home to sing songs and spread Christmas cheer

Christmas celebrations in school for all children to join in and enjoy e.g. cooking Christmas biscuits, Christmas party, posting letters to Santa, singing Christmas carols and playing games.

Reading at home doesn't just have to be the reading book we send home. Here are the books we will be covering in school this half term. Please visit your local library and read the following books:

- Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert
- The Very Helpful Hedgehog by Rosie Wellesley
- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear what do you see? By Bill Martin, Jr
- Stickman by Julia Donaldson
- Jolly Snow by Jane Hissey
- The Christmas Story

Practise phonic sounds- Your child will continue to bring home their phonics book to practise the sounds we have learnt in school.

Reminders	What you can do at home?
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- PE kits need to be in school every Monday and will be sent home on a Friday.
- Forest school every Thursday afternoon. All children will need a change of clothes and a pair of wellingtons.
- Reading- We would like children to be reading at home at least 3 times a week. Reading books will be collected in daily to check reading and change books.
- Library books need to be in book bags every Tuesday

- Go on an Autumn walk and see what you can find. Bring the items into school to share with the class!
- Talk about the wildlife that visits your garden. What could you do to look after the wildlife over the Winter? You could make a bird feeder or create a home for a hedgehog.
- Bring a photo to school of a celebration to share with the class. This could be a wedding, birthday, religious festival, christening etc...

Diary Dates	
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6th November - Autumn Day
 3rd and 4th December - School nurses in
 11th December - Christmas Dinner
 12th December - Nativity performance to parents 9.30am
 12th December – Administration of nasal spray flu vaccine

TBC - Visit to local care home
 20th December - Christmas Party
 20th December - Last day of Term