

ACORN

AUTUMN 2

PARENT INFORMATION

What We Will Learn

Communication and Language

We will continue to encourage the children to listen and respond to stories, answer questions and join in repeated refrains and try to predict what they think might happen. We will continue 'Snack Chat' which encourages them to talk to each other and to listen and respond to each other.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We spend a lot of time this term encouraging the children to talk with each other, getting to know each other and inviting each other to play with them. We encourage the use of a timer to help with sharing and understanding the need to wait their turn, that we don't always get something straight away and this doesn't mean someone isn't sharing with us.

Phonics

We will continue to do our Phase 1 phonics - helping to improve our listening skills leading to phonological and phonemic awareness.

Let's Celebrate

Our topic is 'Let's Celebrate! We will be looking at the celebrations of Diwali, Bonfire Night, Christmas and we will be celebrating the season of Autumn! We will do a lot of talking and investigating on what happens during the seasons and why we have seasons. We will track the Oak tree that we can see from our Nursery throughout the seasons and how it changes.

Upcoming Events

- **3rd November** - INSET Day
- **14th November** - Kindness Day/Children in Need
- **9 December** - Christmas Crafts 9-9.30
- **10th December** - Christmas Songs Performance to Parents
- **12th December** - Christmas Dinner, Party, Special Visitor
- **19th December** - School Closes today for Christmas

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Physical Development

Fine and gross motor skills are an ongoing skill that develop for some children more quickly than others. Gross motor skills develop through pedalling bikes, scootering, climbing on the climbing frame and lying on their tummy to play. Fine motor skills will be developed through threading, peg activities, play dough, building with blocks etc.

Literacy

Through our Literacy tasks, we will be looking at the marks the children make and see if they can distinguish between them (early mark making). We will then try to identify their names by the shape of their initial letter to start with and then the following letters. We will continue to talk about stories and how we follow words in a book from left to right and top to bottom.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to devote this term to learning about the numbers 1-4, recognising, subitising (knowing it's an amount like the dots on a dice), that numbers change when we add or take something away from it, recognising what happens at different times of the day and measure, using words like long and short.

Understanding the World

We will be looking at the features of seasons and the changes that happen. We will look at what is different between each of us in the class and what makes us unique. We will be using the technology we have around us too.

What We Will Learn

In Expressive Arts we will be singing A LOT! We will be preparing for our Songs Around the Tree but we will also be using resources around the classroom to create, to colour mix, use musical instruments and use the different resources around the classroom to represent different things.

Reminders

The colder months will be coming which means hats and gloves. Please practise putting gloves on with your your child. If they are unable to put their fingers in them independently, please use mittens for now as they will need to put these on by themselves as they access free-flow. **PLEASE LABEL ALL HATS AND GLOVES/MITTENS BECAUSE ONE PINK GLOVE LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER.**

Key Books

Rama and Sita
The Leaf Man
Listen to Autumn
A Walk in the Woods
Little Acorn
The Elves and the Shoe Maker
A Handful of Buttons
The Christmas Story

Plus lots more books along the way

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