

Autumn - Nursery

This term we welcomed lots of new children and families into nursery, all of whom have settled really well. We have spent time building relationships the children and familiarising them with nursery routines. To help the children understand the settling period and to help children understand that people come back, we looked at the book 'Owl Babies'.

We explored owl textures, creating collages and we also asked families to send in baby photos and family photos for us to share with the children and to create a display to stimulate talk.



Communication and Language

We have been working on our listening, understanding and attention skills. The children have listened to a range of stories, including traditional tales and have been practicing saying the repeated phrases. Alongside this we have been using our WellComm activities to develop our understanding of instructions with two parts. We had lots of fun exploring nursery rhyme week! We had lots of different sensory activities that allowed us to explore the rhymes in further detail to embed our learning. We explored our favourites including incy wincy, twinkle twinkle, old macdonald and 5 currant buns.



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We have also been working hard on learning to look after the classroom when we access the different areas of learning. We are getting much better at tidying up after ourselves and putting things in the correct places.

We have learnt about other cultures and how they celebrate festivals of light such as Divali, Bonfire Night and Christmas thinking about similarities and differences to our festivals. Remembrance Day gave us the opportunity to think about others and how they have impacted on our lives. We have continued to work on building our relationships with others, resilience and self-regulation. We used circle time to take turns in conversation and describe how we celebrate Christmas using photos of our own Christmas trees.





Physical Development

We have continued to use the playground to develop our gross movements on a range of bikes and scooters. We have done Write Dance to practice large movements ready for writing and Dough Disco to develop our fine motor skills. We have been threading in different ways, manipulating clay, cutting and pegging. Alongside this we have been practicing holding a pencil correctly and forming letters.

Literacy

We have been reading lots of stories this term, including Pumpkin Soup, Gruffalo, Stickman and The Christmas Story. The children have been learning the names of the front and back cover, where text starts being read from and how we go from left to right and from top to bottom.

Maths

We have enjoyed learning lots of number rhymes and using these to support our learning of numbers to 5. We have been using our number skills to accurately count and we are beginning to subitise numbers to 3. We have carried out weighing activities and ordering objects by size. We have wrapped presents, deciding how much paper we need and cutting it to size.

Understanding the World

This half term we have been focusing on different festivals and cultures. We have learnt about the English festivals of Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day, as well as the Hindu festival of Diwali. As the seasons changed we spent time exploring Autumn. We had some visits to our Forest School to find Autumn treasures. We have then learnt about the Christmas story and why Christians celebrate this festival. In DT we have done lots of baking, including making bread and biscuits.









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In our imaginative and creative play we have created poppies independently using play dough, and with our creative resources. To celebrate Bonfire Night we created firework pictures using paint and glitter. For Diwali we created Rangoli pictures outside using powder paint, and diva lamps using playdough.

We have enjoyed role playing using the Christmas costumes, and practising our Christmas songs for our parent stay and play. We have also used a range of skills to create our Christmas cards and decorations.

In music we have been learning how to keep a beat on percussion instruments. We have explored lots of different musical instruments and learnt their names.







Christmas



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We had a lovely finish to the year with our Christmas Stay and Play and our Christmas party where we had a visit from someone very special as well as Bluey and Bingo! We also got a special treat to go towards our Infinite Eight project. We went to the Leigh Film Factory at the Leigh Spinners Mill to watch Olaf.

