

Communication and Language:

As the children settle into the routine of the school day, they will be encouraged to listen and maintain attention during carpet times. This might be listening to stories, instructions or having a class discussion. They will be encouraged to play with words, learning and using new words, as well as using language in their play to imagine and take on different roles in their play.

Mathematics:

We will be continuing to learn numbers by watching Number Blocks and understanding the structure of numbers. For example understanding that 3 is made of 1 and 1 and 1 or 2 and 1. Through our topic the children will be sequencing bed time routines – first, next, last, making paper plate clocks and learning o'clock on a simple clock face, using positional language and 2D shapes to make patterns.

Understanding the World:

The children will be finding out about the differences between night and daytime. They will learn facts about nocturnal animals, including what they eat, where they live and how some of them fly. We will investigate different light sources and the shadows these create. Our learning will be supported by a range of technology in the classroom. The children will also take part in Christmas, bonfire night and Diwali traditions.

Expressive Arts and Design:

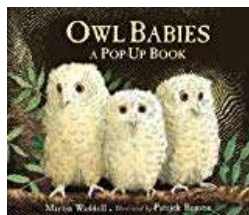
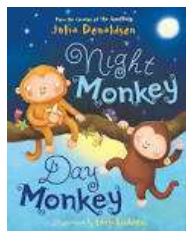
The children will be encouraged to respond to their learning through painting, music, movement and drama. We will create dances based on fireworks and nocturnal animals and will learn light and dark themed songs too. The children will be encouraged to use role play and small world play to re-enact stories they know as well as creating their own stories, using props they can find around the classroom to support their play.

Literacy:

Writing: The children will be encouraged to write in lots of different situations. They will be encouraged to give meaning to the marks they make and when it is appropriate, use letter sounds for the words they want to write.

Reading: The children will have experience of listening to, joining in with and retelling stories, rhymes and poems, including our key stories 'Day Monkey, Night Monkey' and 'Owl Babies', as well as non-fiction information texts.

Reception Autumn 2 2018 Light and Dark Christmas Countdown



PSED:

With new friendships made, the children will be encouraged to play cooperatively, share resources and also to use words to explain how they are feeling. The children are comfortable with the routines of the school day now and increasingly aware of our expectations of behaviour in and around school. This will become important to be reminded of with the 'busy-ness' of this term, especially as Christmas approaches.

As part of Warwickshire's Taking Care Project, we will deliver their Protective Behaviours programme

Phonics:

The children will continue to have a daily phonics session where they will be introduced to some of the sounds which make up our language. They will learn letter names as well as sounds (phonemes) as well as how to segment words into individual sounds and blend sounds into words. They will also be encouraged to listen out for rhyming words, and sing lots of traditional Nursery rhymes.

Physical Development:

The children will have opportunity to develop their gross and fine motor skills. They will have access to the outdoors where they will practise throwing, catching skills. They will practise movements which will help with letter formation and be encouraged to develop a pincer grip to hold a pencil. The children will have a PE session in the hall where we will be focussing on dance this half term.

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 16th November – Children in need

Wednesday 21st November – Road safety officer visiting Reception

Wednesday 21st November 6.30-7.30pm
Learning to Learn Evening

Monday 3rd December - Grandparents
Glitter Extravaganza

Friday 7th December 6.00-8.00pm –
Christmas Fair

Tuesday 18th December 9.15am – Nativity

Wednesday 19th December 9.15am -Nativity

Thursday 20th December – Christmas Party

FOREST SCHOOLS

We are very lucky to have Mrs Smith working with each class in turn over the year to take the children to our Wishing Woods as part of the Forest Schools programme.

This half term Cherry class will continue to use our Forest Schools area.

Please ensure your child has a **warm waterproof coat and wellies** in School all the time – we go out whatever the weather.