



Autumn Term 2 2025



Who lives in the woods?

Overview

As we move into the second half of the Autumn Term we are going to be looking closer at the seasonal changes around us. We will be exploring our natural environment and finding out about the different animals that live in the woods. Our key texts include: Owl Babies, The Squirrels that Squabbled and The Gruffalo. We will also be learning about the Christmas story and exploring different Christmas customs as we enter the festive season.

Prime Areas

Personal, Social and Emotional

Development – Building on friendships and continuing to develop sharing, turn taking and good listening skills with our friends. Naming and exploring feelings and emotions and learning strategies to self-regulate emotions when upset or angry. Our Jigsaw topic is “Celebrating Difference”.

Communication and Language – New vocabulary. Listening to and joining in with rhymes and stories (non-fiction and familiar stories). Asking questions and responding to others to gain more information and continue dialogue. Talk about ourselves and express interests and share experiences.

Physical Development – Continue to develop a strong tripod pencil grip and practice correct letter formation. Use scissors and other tools to make changes to materials. Leap into life programme – explore body shape and balance. Develop rhythm and movement. Change speed and be able to stop and be still. Simple yoga poses and meditation techniques to relax.

Specific Areas

Literacy

Listening to stories about woodlands animals and different habitats (non-fiction and familiar stories). Continue to read and write set 1 sounds. Practising segmenting and blending sounds together to read and write simple words. Learn some high frequency (red) words.

Read short stories (ditties) and talk about what they have read.

Maths

Representing, comparing and composition of number 1, 2 and 3. Representing numbers to 5. Finding one more and one less.

Understanding the World – Identify the changes in the season of Autumn. Name and describe the different animals that live in British Woodlands. Talk about how and where they live. Investigate the woodlands and experience outdoor adventure. Talk about their own experiences in the place where they live and things that we do with our families. Our RE focus for this half term is ‘Why is Christmas important for Christians?’

Expressive Arts and Design – Learn to sing some new Autumn/Winter songs with actions. Use simple percussion to tap rhythms and beats. Dance and movement to music. Christmas crafts with different media and materials.

Learning at Home – You can support your child’s educational development by completing homework together.

Homework	What is expected	When will it be given?
Reading	Children will choose a library book every Monday. Please read this to / with your child and record in the reading record. Children will be reading sound blending books and/or ‘ditty sheets’ at the start of this half term and then progress onto Red ditty books. Continue to practise sounds in the green sound blending books. Watch phonics videos on Tapestry	Library books – Monday Sound blending books will be changed on a Monday and Friday Ditty sheets (when ready) will be changed daily. *Please look at the memos on Tapestry to keep updated about reading activities*
Writing	Please encourage any sort of mark-making. Any opportunity for children to write their name or ‘have a go’ at writing words using the sounds they know.	On going
Maths	Please practice simple counting, matching and sorting activities.	Complete maths learning booklet given at the end of each half term.

Intended Outcome

The children will be able to name and talk about different wildlife and explain where and how they live in the Woodlands. They will confidently observe and talk about changes in the environment around them. The children will be able to talk about seasonal change.

Important Diary Dates

6/11/25 – School photos
18/11/25 & 20/11/25 – Parents Evenings
26/11/25 – Summercourt RE Day Autumn 2
26/11/25 - Non uniform day
4/12/25 – PTFA Santa fun run event
5/12/25 – Christmas Craft morning
15/12/25 – Class 1 Nativity
16/12/25 - Pantomime!



This overview shows the intended learning, which may change due to pupil interests.