

Our topic for Autumn Term 2 is:

Overview

We will begin this half-term with our topic 'Down in the wood'. We will read and learn from a range of stories linked to woods and bears and link our learning to those books. As we approach Christmas we will begin our rehearsals for the performance and will learn the story of Christmas, and how people celebrate this Christian festival.

Mathematics

We will continue to think about numbers and their representations up to 5. We will then begin sorting numbers into groups, as an introduction to addition and subtraction. We will also think about comparing groups, and identifying 1 more and 1 less. Finally we will think about time, in the context of our day.

Literacy

In literacy we will be retelling familiar stories, using story maps and props. From this we will talk about story structures, the characters and settings. We will continue learning our Set 1 sounds and use this growing knowledge in both reading and writing in daily activities.

Expressive arts and design

Children will be offered the opportunity to learn new songs based around our topic. For the Christmas Play we will be learning to dance and move in response to different music. We will be learning 'Big Bear Funk' using Charanga. We will also learn new techniques to create an effect, learning to combine materials, creating and talking about textures.

Down in the woods!

Communication and language

Through continuous provision inside and outside the classroom, we will develop our understanding of language by being encouraged to listen to ideas and respond to others and this will help to develop our own vocabulary. We will continue learning how to ask who, what, when and how questions during 'show and tell' and will begin to use more complex sentences to link thoughts.

Physical development

In PE this half-term we will be learning different ball skills. This will involve running skilfully, adjusting speed and direction. We will be throwing, pushing, patting, catching and kicking balls of different sizes. We will also continue to notice the changes happening in our bodies when we exercise. We will continue developing fine motor skills in daily activities and show and develop an understanding of hygiene and keeping healthy.

Understanding the world

We will continue our walks to Terling Forest and we will talk about nature we have seen in the wood and discuss how we can take care of such things. As we get closer to Christmas, we will share stories about home and family traditions around Christmas time.

Personal, social and emotional development

We will continue to build confidence in asking adults for help as well as speaking to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions. Through the 'zones of regulation', we will become increasingly more aware of our own feelings, and knows that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings, and use these skills when playing with others.