

Stories and songs we are teaching this term:

We have a variety of sensory stories that we will be exploring this term. Our first sensory story will be a Bonfire themed story. The pupils will be using all of their senses to explore of the elements within the story. We will be listening to the sound of fireworks and pressing the switch to operate our own bonfire. The pupils will also be listening to the sound of dry crunchy leaves and experiencing hot and cold temperatures. Our second story is "A tale of Two Feathers". In this story the pupils are introduced to a charming owl named Otis who undertakes an exciting adventure where he then meets a new friend. Kia the Kingfisher and Otis the Owl then enjoy showing their different worlds to each other.

As we edge closer to Christmas, we will be reading some festive poetry. There will be a particular focus on the classic "Twas the night before Christmas" which captures the joy of Christmas. We will be hearing lots of bells and singing some festive favourites such as "Jingle Bells" and "We wish you a Merry Christmas".

Literacy

In our Phonics sessions we will be listening to environmental sounds relating to the celebrations that we will be participating in. Our phonics stories will help the pupils to identify some individual sounds and to copy some playful sounds such as Wizz, Bang and Pop.

Problem Solving and Reasoning

This term we will be working on object permanence by exploring activities that encourage the pupils to search for hidden objects. As part of our hand function lessons we will be looking for some of our favourite objects under different materials such as wrapping paper, scarves and pasta. Later this term we will be focusing on container play where the pupils will be putting things in and out of boxes as they help prepare for Christmas by putting toys in and out of different sized gift boxes.

Good Times and Celebrations

Term 2

Robin Class



How you Can help at home.

Evisense is an excellent platform for connecting home and school. It would be great if you could share some photos and/or videos to Evisense. Please see below some suggested ideas:

Reading with your child and encouraging them to turn the pages of the book and to ask your child where things are in the pictures e.g., "Where is the dog?" Have lots of happy reading sessions together and please try to incorporate a range of sounds. We have found the pupils to be really engaged during these sessions and it often prompts lots of lovely vocalising and smiles of anticipation, particularly when different intonations are used.

It would be great to go on a listening walk with your child-from the sound of zipping up coats at home to the sound of dry leaves crunching, fireworks, Christmas carols etc.

Other Curriculum areas:

ART: This term our art activities will be centred around our topic. The pupils will be making poppies to mark Remembrance Day and they will also be using lots of bright colours to make their own fireworks. We will also be making several festive creations which will be sent home on the last day of term.

Sensory Cooking: We will be using our senses to explore different ingredients and a variety of Christmas spices. We will be using a switch to operate the mixer and we will be using a variety of different tools in our lessons such as a rolling pin and a pastry cutter.

P.E: The pupils will be continuing to work on their own individual physio and swimming targets. All pupils will be encouraged to enjoy being in the water and to use a variety of toys for pouring and play purposes. We will also be enjoying weekly dance sessions with Bella.

R.E We will have our weekly Sensory Pathway Assembly every Friday which gives us the opportunity to come together and celebrate our special highlights from the week with our pathway friends. We will also be having a class Christingle service as well as reading The Christmas Story.

Music: This term we will be focusing on making choices from either two Objects of Reference or two symbols in order to make a song choice. We will also be using instruments to create and respond to music as part of a small group.

Highlights

Friday 11th November Remembrance Day Coffee morning @ 10am

- Horse riding
- PE with our coaches
- Christingle Service
- Preparations for Christmas performance