

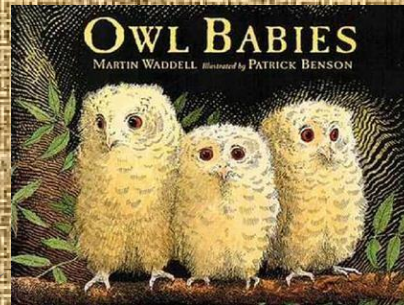
Down in the Woods – Autumn 2 – October 2025

Our topic in the Autumn term 2 will loosely be based upon 'Down in the Woods'. We are excited to see where our learning leads us this term. We will keep you updated via ClassDojo.

Through this topic the children will explore different celebrations around the world. We will be finding out how people celebrate Diwali, Bonfire Night and Christmas.



Children will be learning about the different seasons. Looking at the signs of Autumn and how the trees change through the season.



We will be learning about nocturnal animals and how different animals hibernate during the winter.



Children will be celebrating Christmas. Learning songs and actions for our Nativity performance.

Through stories, we will be looking at what animals live in the woods and their habitats.



Communication & Language:

- Engage in story time, joining in with repeated actions.
- To begin to ask 'what' and 'who' questions
- To sing a large repertoire of songs
- Use vocabulary linked to our topic
- Engage in conversations about stories

Mathematics:

- Subitise within 5
- Begin to count beyond 5
- Recognise numerals are related to quantities
- Compose numbers within 5

Expressive Arts & Design

- Joining in with rhymes and songs we know.
- Use drawings to represent ideas like movement and loud noises.
- Explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings.

Literacy:

- Recognise words with the same initial sounds
- Write some or all of their name
- Write some letters accurately
- Read some individual letters by saying the sounds for them
- Begin to identify tricky words in texts
- Daily phonics practice

Physical Development

- Gain control of our bodies through kicking, rolling, waving, crawling and walking
- To become more independent when changing clothes
- To build independently with a range of resources
- Develop fine motor skills through finger gym activities

Religious Education

Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?

Children will learn key events from the Christian Christmas Story. They will learn about who Christians believe first visited Jesus, the timeline of the story and the term incarnation.

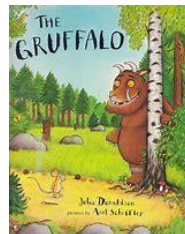
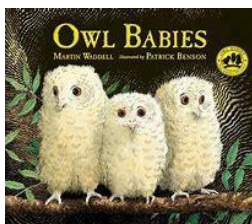
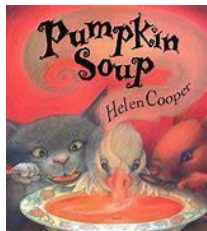
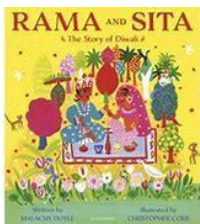
Understanding the World:

- Describe what they see, hear and feel whilst outside
- Understand the effect of changing seasons on the natural world around them
- Understand what a source of light is and be able to identify a wide range of sources of light
- Recognise the purpose and use of a light source
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- To know how to be helpful by taking on a responsibility
- To select and use resources to help achieve a goal they have chosen
- Respectfully listen to others
- To develop friendships with other children

Literacy Texts:



Key Vocabulary:

Evergreen	Habitat
Hibernation	Darkness
Light Source	Shadow
Autumn	Nocturnal
Diwali	