

Communication and Language

Through the sharing of stories and non-fiction books the children will be introduced to new vocabulary related to our topic. They will be encouraged to use new vocabulary in their discussions with friends and adults.

With Links to festivals and events the children will talk about their own experiences, beginning to describe events with some detail.

They will continue to learn how to listen well and why listening is important.

Literacy

The children will participate in daily phonics sessions using the 'Little Wandle' phonics scheme. They will take part in three guided reading sessions per week.

Our focus story for this half term is 'The Enormous Turnip'. The children will be learning to retell this story using a story map. They will then move on to 'innovating' the story by introducing new characters.

The children will be writing words using known graphemes and continuing to develop their handwriting and pencil control.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will make their own 'Leaf Man' collage after listening to the story.

They will explore leaf rubbing and make a mobile for the classroom.

They will use clay to make a woodland animal.

They will explore printing with Autumnal fruit and vegetables

They will continue weekly music sessions with Mr Selby where we will be learning our Nativity songs,

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be learning about 'Valuing Difference'. This will include...

- being sensitive towards others and celebrating what makes each person unique.
- using speaking and listening skills to learn about the lives of their peers.
- knowing the importance of showing care and kindness towards others.

Exploring Autumn Sparkle and Shine

Hedgehog Class Curriculum Map

Understanding the World

The children will go on an 'Autumn Treasure Hunt'. Where they will collect leaves and seeds. They will use an iPad to take photos of the signs of Autumn.

The children will be exploring leaves and learning about how leaves change through the seasons

The children will be finding out about animals that live in the woods,

In R.E the children will be finding out why Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas.

The children will also be finding out about the festival of 'Diwali'.

Physical Development

There will be 2 PE lessons a week. Lessons will focus on fundamental movement skills and team games.

They will be joining in with simple dances, copying simple movements and patterns.

They will practise their gross motor skills by using the bikes and trikes, climbing frame, rolling tyres and making dens.

The children will develop their fine motor skills using a range of equipment during 'Play to Learn' time. This will include pegs, blocks, dough, plastic tweezers and tongs, pipe-cleaners and many other things!

Mathematics

The children will be developing their number sense, focusing on numbers to 5. This will include subitising amounts to 5. Exploring different representations and the composition of numbers to 5 and finding 1 more and 1 less.

The children will be learning about 2D shapes including talking about their properties and comparing them.

The children will be learning about night and day to develop their understanding on time.

