Reception Class Autumn 2

Starry Night

This term we are exploring the differences in the world at night compared to during the day. We will learn about the importance of a good night's sleep, discover what is happening in the world while we are sleeping, including finding out about nocturnal animals, and notice the seasonal changes that are happening all around us.

Supporting Your Child at Home

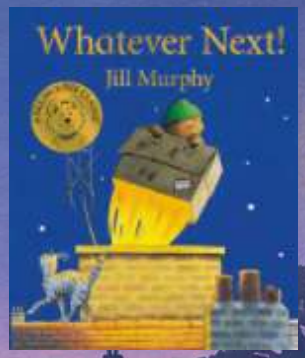
Visit your local library, choose non-fiction, poetry and picture books to share together.

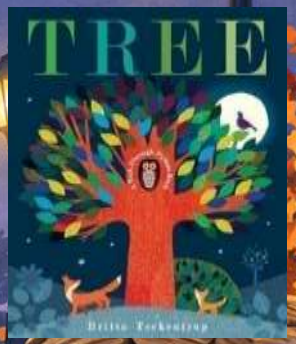
Find some facts, and talk about day and night, seasonal change and features of autumn.

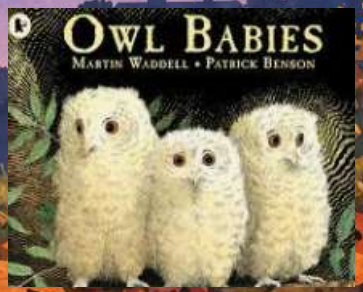
Notice the things we do during the day time and night time. What are our day and night routines? Does everyone follow the same routines? Which people (and animals) might be awake at night?

Share and discuss the Did you know? resource with your child (find it below).

The key texts we will be sharing in class are….









Phonics, Reading and Writing

Phonics is a way of teaching children to read and write. It involves hearing the individual sounds of spoken English and matching them with written letters. The children have daily phonics sessions at school, this term they are learning to recognise and say the following sounds: j v w x y z

They will also be introduced to **digraphs** (2 letters together that make one sound) such as **sh** and **ch**

Please remember to use the Little Wandle parent page to support your child at home, especially the autumn 1 & 2 videos which show how to pronounce the sounds. Don't hesitate to ask a member of staff if you need advice.

For parents | Letters and Sounds

The most important thing you can do to support your child's progress is to spend a little time every day sharing books with them. When they are reading their phonics book, please encourage them to read words themselves by saying the letter sounds they can see, and then blending them together to say the whole word.

Remember, reading should be fun! If your child is tired or reluctant at any point, let them listen to you reading a story instead, and return to the phonics book at another time.

We will be holding another parent information meeting early next term; this time we will share information and ideas about how you can support your child's writing development.



Maths

In Reception Class we follow the Mastering Number approach to maths teaching.
Your child will engage in daily group sessions with a teacher, and then have the opportunity to further explore concepts through their own free play and activities provided in the classroom environment. Teaching builds on the early maths experiences that children have had in nursery, at home and in the wider world. We always use practical resources (no worksheets!) and make many links to everyday experiences and real-life examples. This half term we are focusing on:

Shapes in our environment	Comparing Amounts	Pattern	Building Numbers
			

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Prophecy and Promise

As we approach the season of Advent, the children will first hear how Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. We will think about how Mary might have felt when she heard this news, she said yes and trusted in God's plan.

The children will explore how, during Advent, we think about hope, peace, joy and love.
We show our love to God by doing good deeds for other people, just like Jesus does.
Our good deeds during Advent help us get our hearts ready to welcome Jesus.

We will learn the significance of The Nativity Story and know that Jesus is the Son of God, and we will find out how various cultures celebrate Jesus' birthday in different ways, at different times, around the world.



Did you know?

Read these interesting facts about night time with a parent or carer.



At night time it is dark. Most people sleep at night time.



It is important to get a good night's sleep every night.



Some people work at night, like members of the emergency services.



Some animals sleep in the day and are awake at night. They are known as nocturnal animals.



Bats, owls, foxes and badgers are nocturnal animals.



We live on a planet called Earth. It gets dark at night because our part of Earth is facing away from the Sun.

Vocabulary

Explore these words together. Talk with an adult about what each word means and use the words in a sentence or as you play.


badger


bat


bedtime


dark


daytime


Earth


emergency services


fox


light


Moon


night time


nocturnal


owl


planet


sleep


stars


Sun

General Information

Each child needs to have the following items for school please:

Pair of wellies (to be left in school)

Set of spare clothes, including socks and underwear (in a carrier bag to be left on their peg)

Book bag (needs to be brought into school only on Thursdays)

Water bottle to be brought into school every day.

Please make sure you have written your child's name on all of their belongings.



Sitting Position

This symbol is a simple reminder to help children remember how to sit when they are on the carpet in lessons or taking part in an assembly.

It will be displayed in the classroom and regularly referred to throughout the day, helping children to understand and remember how to show they are ready to learn.

The symbol will be used consistently throughout your child's time at school.