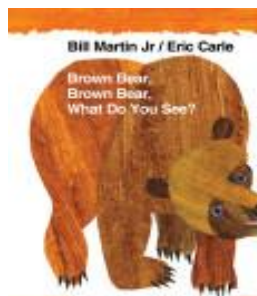


Dear Reception and Nursery Parents,

here is our topic for this half term. Please use it to aid your own research or bring things into class to support our learning. Have fun!



As communicators we will:

- Listen carefully in a variety of situations.
- Talk about what we have found out about the signs of autumn
- Follow stories without pictures and prompts
- Act out and retell bear stories using role play.
- Learn autumn and harvest songs.

As readers and writers we will:

- Read autumn stories like Oliver's vegetables, The Enormous Turnip. Describe using adjectives.
- Find out information about autumn from non-fiction books.
- Talk about bears from different books including- Brown bear brown bear, Peace at last, Goldilocks and the three bears, We're going on a bear hunt.
- Write invitations for a teddy bears picnic.
- Check off shopping lists and create own lists.
- Follow instructions to make sandwiches for the picnic.
- Hear and recognise sounds of autumn- animals, leaves rustling.



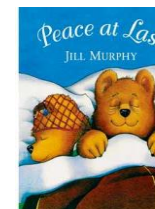
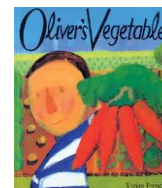
As mathematicians we will:

- Count 10 or more leaves/ conkers.
- Compare groups of objects for more or less
- Sort leaves into colours/ shapes.
- Count conkers and place correct number into labelled plant pots.
- Touch and count autumn objects/ vegetables.
- Learn number rhymes and days of the week song.



As individuals and friends we will:

- Learn how to stay safe as the nights get darker.
- Explore differences between ourselves and others and learn about the importance of sharing and being kind to one another.
- Learn about right and wrong behaviours and the importance of rules in order to get along.



Why do the leaves fall in autumn?



As artists, actors and musicians:

- Create collages using natural resources.
- Vegetable printing and leaf printing/ rubbings.
- Paint leaf pictures using autumn colours.
- Make autumn shakers using dried peas/ barley/ beans/ orange and red glitter.
- Explore instruments to make sound effects.
- Sing autumn songs- The scare crow, Shake shake the apple tree, 5 red apples.

As healthy movers we will:

- Handle tools in the classroom safely.
- Form recognisable letters in our writing.
- Play on climbing equipment and learn how to move under, over and through like in the Bear hunt story.
- Learn the names of vegetables and taste them.
- Understand the need to eat healthily and keep clean.

As explorers and investigators we will:

- Discover the sights and sounds of Autumn on a walk.
- Use the internet to find out about changes in autumn and the seasons.
- Observe and identify features in the place we live and natural world.
- Explore natural materials on our autumn investigation table.
- Collect leaves/ conkers and learn about types of trees and the animals that live there.

- As effective learners we will:** Show our particular interests. Take on a role in our play.
- Take risks and try new activities.
 - Try again when something doesn't work the first time.
 - Set our own goals.