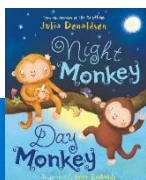


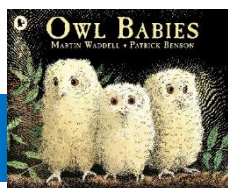


Welcome back!

We hope that you all had a great half term and are looking forward to more new and exciting learning opportunities. This half-term our topic is 'Night and Day' which we will link to our learning across the whole curriculum. We will focus on the changing seasons, weather, and natural world around us. As always, if you have any questions, just let me know. Mr Bowes



LITERACY



This half term in Literacy, we will be looking at poetry and non – fiction texts alongside our core books: Owl Babies and Night Monkey, Day Monkey.

We will also be progressing with our daily phonics teaching. This half term we will move our focus on to identifying phase two phonemes, blending and initial sounds.

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD

We will use our topic of Night and Day to look at the seasonal changes that come with Autumn. We will explore our local surroundings and learn about nocturnal and diurnal animals.

We will be linking this to road safety and the dark, discussing how we can keep ourselves and others safe.

Personal, Social Development

Horn Park follows a 'values-based education'. Throughout the half term we will spend time embedding these within our setting. Our school values are: respect, positivity, unity, honesty, perseverance and kindness.

During our circle time sessions we will be discussing the things that we like and how these may be different to others, but that this is okay.

MATHS

Within our maths sessions we will continue to consolidate our understanding of numbers to 5. We will then begin to compare amounts and use manipulatives such as five frames to encourage subitising. We will continue to describe, create and compare patterns.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we will continue to build our fine motor skills in order to strengthen our pincer grip for writing. This involves activities such as playdough, tweezers and using scissors.

Alongside this, we will build on the children's independence with tasks such as doing up zips and preparing food in cooking sessions.

CLASS NOTICES

Our Forest School day is a **Thursday** and book change days are: **Mondays and Wednesday.**

Key dates –

7th November 9am-10am – Local Area Season walk

14th November 9am-10am – Early Maths workshop

22nd November 9am-9.30am, – Stay and Play

HOME LEARNING

To support your child's understanding and learning, here are some simple ideas for you to try at home that link to our key targets and topics. Over the next half term, could you...

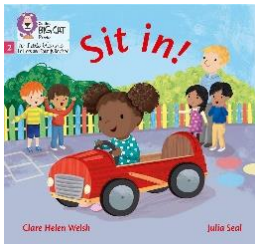
Watch number blocks at home and look out for numbers to 1-5.



Go on an Autumn walk to look for how the world around us changes in different seasons. You could even collect natural objects to make your own art.



Share and read a book every day and talk about the story.



Practice putting your clothes on for school independently.



- Numberblocks - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks>
- Little Wandle Phonics - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Please remember to upload any observations from home on to Tapestry!