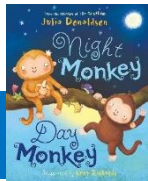


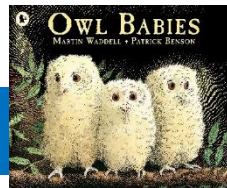


Welcome back!

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. Miss Ablitt



#### LITERACY



This half-term in Literacy, we will look at poetry and non-fiction texts alongside the story books that relate to our topic: Owl Babies and Night Monkey Day Monkey. We will continue daily phonics teaching, where the focus moves to the children reading and writing words independently. The decodable reading books we send home each week will support this.

#### 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 also link this to road safety and the dark.

Alongside Christmas, we will learn about the celebrations of Diwali and Bonfire Night.

#### Personal, Social Development

We will continue to teach the Horn Park values across the term both in class and in our weekly assemblies. Our values are: respect, positivity, unity, honesty, kindness and perseverance.

We will also continue to complete group activities that promote turn taking and co-operation.

#### MATHS

In Maths, we will be consolidating our understanding of numbers to 5. We will work on comparing numbers, subitising amounts, and using 'part, whole' models to understand the composition of numbers.

We will be teaching this Maths Mastery approach alongside the aid of numberblocks.

#### PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This half term we will continue to build our fine motor skills in order to strengthen our pincer grip for writing. We will also spend greater time on letter and number formation.

Alongside this, we will build on the children's independence with tasks such as cutting up food, doing up zips and getting dressed after PE.

#### CLASS NOTICES

Our forest school day is normally a **Tuesday** and book change days are: **Mondays and Thursdays**

Children will need their PE kits in school each week, please aim to bring this in on Mondays. (black/navy shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and plimsolls/ trainers.)

#### Key dates –

**14<sup>th</sup> November 9am-10am – Early Maths workshop**

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 9am-9.30am, – Stay and Play**

**29<sup>th</sup> November 9am-1pm - Trip to Prince Philip Maritime Collection**

## 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...

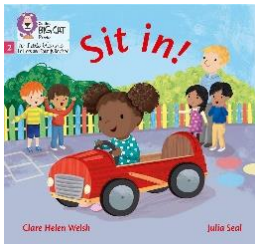
**Watch number blocks at home and look out for numbers to 1-5.**



**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.**



**Read every day and use your sound mat to help you.**



**Practice getting yourself ready 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!**