

6th November

This week we will look at 'Celebrations' and talk about how we celebrate events with our families. We will compare Guy Fawkes celebration with the festival of Diwali. We will immerse ourselves in the sounds and lights of both festivals and enjoy lots of art activities looking at how colours mix! We will also learn about Remembrance Day and its significance.

13th November

This week we will be participating in World Nursery Rhyme week. Our activities will be linked to a new nursery rhyme each day. On Friday we will invite parents into class for a sing along- more details to follow. This year's rhymes, as well as more information can be found at www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com.

20th November

Following on from the experience of looking at celebrations we will look at the five senses to explore the world around us. This will include using experiments, feely bags, listening walks, understanding about the dark, as well as new tasting and smelling cooking lessons! At home you could go for a sensory walk together.

Spare Clothes

Sometimes our children will have toileting accidents at school or get a bit wet when they are playing in the water. We would appreciate it if the children could keep a bag on their peg with spare pants, socks, trousers, and t-shirt so that if they are wet, they can get changed. You can leave this bag at school if you wish to. Also please ensure your child's name is on all items of clothing.

27th November-4th December

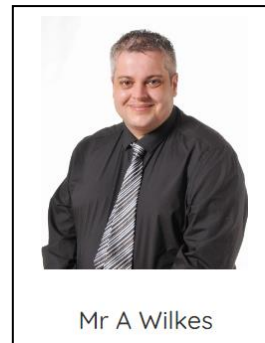
Over these two weeks our book is 'It Was a Dark, Cold, Night' by Tim Hopgood. This book looks at autumn and hibernation. We will learn about the season of autumn and how the weather changes moving into Winter. During Muddy Mondays we will notice how the forest has changed and begin to understand why this happens.



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Outdoor Play

We will go out to play in most weather and it is important that the children are wearing the right clothes for the weather. In the wet weather, please feel free to bring wellies to school and children can change when we go outside. The children will always need a waterproof coat in school, as well as a hat and gloves in the cold weather.

11th -18th December

Our final two weeks of the Autumn term will be dedicated to having fun with lots of Christmas activities, including baking gingerbread men, cooking hot chocolate on Muddy Monday and inviting parents in for a craft session. We will perform the Nativity and learn about the very first Christmas long ago when Jesus was born. Children will learn about giving to others while remembering the importance of our school values.

Muddy Monday

Every Monday we will continue to explore our forest areas, our focus this half term will be on the story 'Stick Man'. Muddy Mondays will happen in all weathers unless it is raining heavily or extremely cold. The children will need warm clothes on a Monday including long sleeved tops and trousers, with wellies, a warm coat, and gloves. It would be helpful if you could send a spare change of clothes and **clean shoes to change into** with your children in case they get muddy or wet.

Snack Time

The children will be given a snack and drink every day. This is always a piece of fruit or a vegetable and water or milk. Please do not bring any other snacks to school so we can ensure all children have the same. **Children will need to bring a clean water bottle each day.**