

8th January

'Winter Senses' by Dee Smith will be our focus text in the first week back. We will look at forest animals in the winter as well as animals in cold climates in other parts of the world. During the snowy, icy weather we will investigate the properties of snow and ice and find out what happens when they melt. Using all our senses we will find out what winter is like then enjoy hot chocolate to warm us up!

29th January

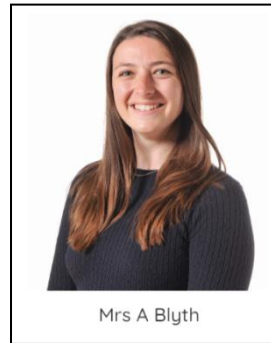
We love traditional tales so this week 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' will keep us entertained. We will learn new vocabulary about measures and use this in practical ways. We will build bridges outside and test them to see who is the heaviest and lightest. During messy play we will create our own trolls and use them to act out the story!

5th February

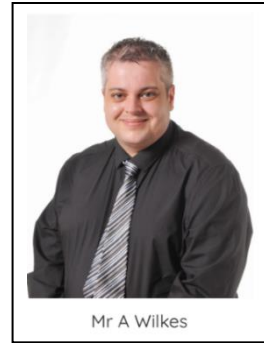
Rhyme time-we will sing 'There's a worm at the bottom of my garden' and read 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson. This will be an introduction to minibeasts and all the creatures that live in our garden. The children will collect worms and make a wormery in the classroom and investigate what they do!

15th and 22nd January

'Robin's Winter Song' by Suzanne Barton is the book we will look at for these two weeks. It's about a robin who finds out about winter for the first time. In class we will look at different seasons and revisit hibernation. We will think about different clothing and begin to understand about sorting. During outdoor learning the children will collect data on how many birds visit our garden and use this to help us with simple maths.



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Spare Clothes

Sometimes 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 change themselves. You can leave this bag at school if you wish to. Also, please ensure your child's name is on all items of clothing.

Muddy Mondays

During this half term we will use our topic stories as an inspiration for Muddy Mondays. We will use our senses to investigate the forest during wintertime. We know that birds find it difficult to find food during the winter so nursery will make bird feeders so that the birds are looked after. We will also build and construct to make bridges for the Three Billy Goats Gruff!

Home learning

We will continue to send home learning and library books every Friday, to be returned by Wednesday. The children love visiting our super library. Please spend ten minutes every day reading with your child and talking about the pictures.

Music Time!

Every week we will have music. We will learn new songs that help us to develop new vocabulary. Performing is very important and builds confidence so the children will have opportunities to perform playing instruments to a beat.

Snack Time

The children will be given a snack every day, either a fruit or vegetable, as well as milk. Please do not bring any other snacks to school so all children in Nursery have the same. It is now your responsibility to provide your child with a labelled water bottle every day.