



FS2 Classroom News!



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This half term our topic is 'Autumn Animal Antics'. We will be exploring a variety of stories including:

Owl Babies, Leaf Man, Fletcher and the Falling Leaves, The Leaf Thief and The Squirrels Who Squabbled.



Literacy and Mathematics

In literacy, they will develop their listening and phonics skills by recognising sounds in words, spotting rhymes, recognising their own name and choosing books to enjoy. They will also begin to write their name, record initial sounds, talk about the marks they make and practise saying simple sentences aloud.

In maths, the children will sort, match, compare and order different objects while developing their understanding of patterns. They will also begin counting, recognising and representing the numbers 1 to 3, making estimates and checking their answers by counting.

Home Learning Star

Please make sure you take a look on the class page for amazing links to support your child's learning at home.



Expressive Arts and Design

This half term, the children will explore their creativity through art, music and craft activities. They will experiment with a range of drawing materials to make different marks and create self-portraits by carefully observing their own features. The children will also enjoy seasonal autumn crafts, including making nature wreaths and hibernation boxes. In music, they will use their voices, bodies and instruments to explore different sounds, learning to recognise sounds in the environment while experimenting with loud and quiet sounds, as well as fast and slow rhythms.

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance wins 100 dojos and the trophy. Let's aim for 100% attendance.

Reminders!

Don't forget to check the class dojo page and the class page on the school website!

Understanding the World

This half term, the children will be learning all about themselves, their families and the world around them. They will explore our school environment, learning the name of our school, the road and town where it is located. The children will use aerial photographs to spot different features, such as buildings, roads and open spaces, and will begin drawing simple maps of familiar places and story settings. We will also be sharing photographs and talking about our families, pets and special places we have visited. Through stories and discussions, the children will learn about different families and celebrate what makes each one unique.

As we explore the changing season of autumn, the children will discover natural features in the world around them, use new vocabulary, enjoy non-fiction books about different environments, and investigate the world using all of their senses.

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This half term our topic is 'Creation and Covenant'. We will be learning about the creation story in Genesis.

Home Reading

Please remind your child to bring their reading books to school every day. Children are encouraged to read at home every day to support their fluency and understanding of texts. This not only supports the children with their reading, but also in the wider curriculum. We would like to thank you in advance for your participation and encouragement.