Class: Owlets Year Group: Reception Term: Autumn 2 2026

Topic Title:

Autumn and Christmas





Prime Areas of Learning

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Continuous provision in an Early Years Environment provides children with opportunities to develop self-confidence, their sense of self and begin to make established friendships within their class group. Children will make independent choices about their learning by carefully selecting resources both on their own and with others, which will enable them to use and apply their knowledge of the world around them, subsequently leading to a greater level of understanding. Children will converse with one another, negotiate, take turns, learn about each other's feelings, and begin to understand how their actions can affect these.

Communication and Language

- Talk partners
- Daily story time
- Daily phonics lessons
- Speech and language activities
- Individual and group reading
- Class discussions

Specific Areas of Learning

Mathematics

- Recognising and ordering numbers
- One to one correspondence
- Working with Numicon
- 2D shapes
- Ordinal numbers
- One more/one less
- Time - sequencing My Day

Understanding the World

- Looking at the changing seasons
- Fireworks – Guy Fawkes
- Diwali
- Anti Bullying Week
- Odd Sock Day
- Children in Need
- Remembrance
- Christmas – Nativity story, Christmas play, celebrations in other countries

Physical Education

- Get Set 4 PE
- Cosmic Yoga

Outside

- Trim trail, bikes, scooters, den building, construction

Sensory/fine motor skills

- Funky Fingers activities, hand eye co-ordination and pencil grip

Expressive Arts & Design

- Firework painting
- Mehendi Patterns
- Leaf Rubbings
- Autumn Tree finger painting
- Poppy making
- Christmas Art and Craft activities

Literacy

Fiction

- Fairy Tales
- Leaf Man – Lois Ehlert
- The Leaf Thief – Alice Hemming
- The Nativity story.

Big Write

- Sentence structure, punctuation, letter formation and size

Phonics

- Little Wandle Phase 2 and 3
- Segmenting and blending CVC and CCVC/CVCC words
- Tricky words

Literacy ideas may include:

- Writing about Fairy Tales
- A letter to Father Christmas