

Dear Little Acorns Parents;

This is an overview of the things we will be doing this half term. Please use it to aid your own research or bring things into class to support our learning. Have fun!

As individuals and friends we will:

Talk about what makes us happy and what makes us sad. We will explore different types of emotions through stories and games. We will play games that encourage sharing and taking turns.

Exploring individual interests:

Throughout the term we will support the children's individual interests and use them as part of our learning experience. We would love to hear about the things that the children have been doing at home to help us to achieve this.

As healthy movers we will:

Build a den for the Gruffalo and see if we can hide inside. We will explore soft play, tunnels and play with balls.

Move in a variety of ways to music including joining in with dancing games to Dingle Dangle Scarecrow, Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and moving like Halloween monsters.

As readers and writers we will:

Share stories together including The Gruffalo and Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson. We will also be reading Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see? By Bill Martin. We will name and talk about the colours we can see in the story.

We will be exploring the letters that our names begin with and familiar logos.

Why do leaves fall in Autumn? Who am I? What interests us?

As explorers we will:

Collect and explore natural autumnal objects and explore the local woodland and outdoor areas. We will explore our natural world, splashing in puddles and playing in the rain.

Investigate a variety of natural objects and objects with different textures.

As mathematicians we will:

Count in everyday contexts up to 5, counting pine cones, conkers and bugs. We will compare weights and sizes of objects in the water area and with open ended materials. We will begin to use language and gestures relating to size such as, bigger/little/smaller, high/low, tall and heavy.

As communicators we will:

Learn new words like the names of the animals from The Gruffalo story. We will talk about the autumnal changes we can see around us.

Think about emotions and the different words we can use to say how we are feeling. We will talk about our families and the people who are important to us. We will also be talking about what we look like and how we are the same or different to others. This will include talking about hair colour and eye colour.

As artists, actors and musicians we will:

Explore different materials like foam and slime, using all of our senses to investigate them.

Listen to different styles of music and use our whole bodies to move in different ways to music. We will use scarves and ribbons to move in a variety of ways.