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Dark days and cosy nights!

Reception Newsletter – Autumn 2

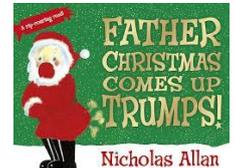
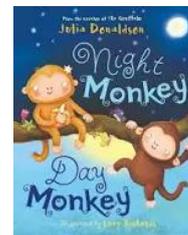
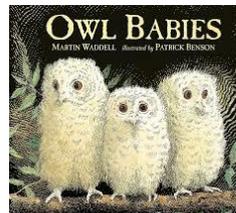
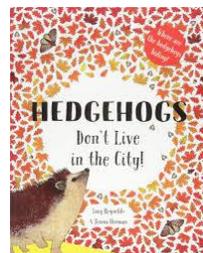
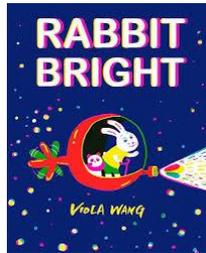
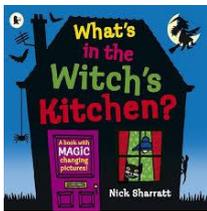


Our new theme for this half term is **'Dark days and cosy nights'**

We will be learning all about the different celebrations that take place during these darker months such as Diwali, bonfire night, Hanukkah and Christmas.

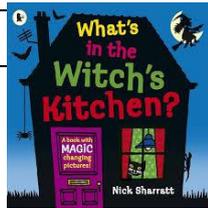
Through stories, songs and videos, we will be finding out about nocturnal animals and learning about the differences between non-fiction and fiction.

Key texts for this half term:



Drawing Club

Last week we focused on the book



Stand up vocabulary:

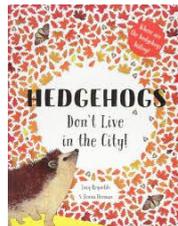
Disgusting Delicious Spooky Escape Cackle Slimy Surprise Courage

Day 1: What do you think the witch looks like?

Day 2: What would you like to eat out of the witch's kitchen? Will it be disgusting or delicious?

Our next book will be:

Hedgehogs don't live in the city



Stand up vocabulary:

pounding, ignoring, pootling, scampering, urban, encasement

Day 1: Draw a prickly hedgehog and its family

Day 2: Draw an urban city

Phonics

Our phonic workbooks are now going home every day. Please remember – don't work on any letters/sounds that have not yet been taught in school but please do practise any previously taught letters/sounds.

So far we have taught

s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o,

This week we will be introducing **/c/** as in **cat** and **/k/** as in **key**

Helpful words: (children have to be able to read these words by sight – no sounding out)

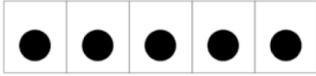
'I' 'go' 'to' 'the' 'into'



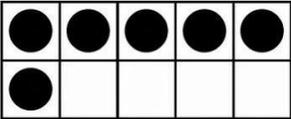
Mathematics

We have been continuing to secure our knowledge of 5 by playing lots of subitising games. We will be recording our understanding this week by using 5 frames and drawings.

We will also be introducing 10 frames to begin our learning about numbers within 10.



"I know this is a 5 because I can see a 4 and a 1" "I can see a 1 a 1 a 2 and another 1"

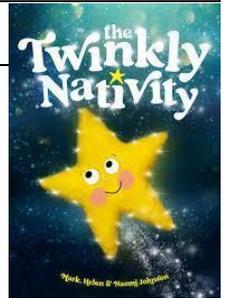


"I can see a full 5 and 1 more"

The Twinkly Nativity

Dare I say it.... Christmas will be soon be happening in Reception as we begin to practise our Nativity 'The Twinkly Nativity'

Once we begin, we will be organising the different parts that the children will be playing, If your child wants a speaking part, we will send home lines to practise.



Reception Christmas Nativity – Wednesday 4th December – 9am start

Continuous Provision

Each week we make special enhancements to our learning environment, these enhancements support our theme of 'dark days and cosy nights' and provide opportunities to practise key skills.

Some of our enhancements:

Rangoli and Mendhi patterns linked to Diwali

Retelling the Diwali story of Rama and Sita using puppets

Small world role play – Remembrance day (soldiers/army)

Creating fireworks collages – concertina folding strips of paper

Cutting skills – creating a hedgehog using a paper plate and fringing for the spikes

Firework fine motor – threading pipe cleaners and beads

What do you see? How do you see it? Autumn images

Creating a hedgehog – manipulating clay

As always, do get in touch if you have any questions ☺