

EYFS
Amber Class
Autumn 1
2020

This term, we will be learning all about autumn with our topic,
'Why Do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?'

We will be learning to explore the natural world around us, and will ask questions and make observations based on what we can see. We will be thinking about how the world around us changes during different seasons.

We will also be learning to retell stories using recently introduced vocabulary. We will be learning how stories are sequenced and how we can retell them, using actions and pictures.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

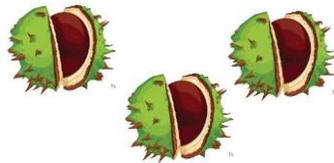
We will be spending lots of time getting to know our friends and learning how to use our environment safely. We will be discussing how to keep ourselves and those around us safe and how to be a kind friend. We will be reading 'The Colour Monster', to help us to talk about our emotions.



Why do Squirrels Hide Their Nuts?

Communication Language and Literacy

We will be reading the story of 'The Busy Little Squirrel'. We will draw a story map to summarise the story and we will use our story map to help us to retell the story using actions. We will then be adapting the story to make it our very own.



Phonics

We will spend lots of time focusing on phase 1 phonics activities, as this will help us to tune into the sounds in our environment. We will explore rhymes and alliteration.

Alongside this, we will be developing our knowledge of Phase 2 Letters and Sounds.

This half-term, we will have learnt these sounds:
s, a t, p, i, n, m, d g, o, c.

We will focus on hearing initial sounds and on oral blending.



Maths

As mathematicians, we will be developing our understanding of pairing, sorting and grouping objects. We will be using our 'eagle eyes' to think about why objects may have been grouped in a certain way. We will then move on to developing an understanding of the words 'more' and 'less.'

We will be reading lots of stories to help us with our understanding, including 'A Squash and a Squeeze,' and singing nursery rhymes including 'Ten in a Bed' and '5 Little Ducks'.

Expressive Arts and Design

Music- We will work on finding the 'pulse' of different songs. We will appraise different songs, thinking about how they make us feel and whether we enjoy them or not. We will also be learning how to use our voices to create high and low pitched sounds and we will be learning lots of fun songs along the way.

Art- We will be using a variety of materials to develop our printing skills. We will be using paint stampers, paint brushes and autumn vegetables to create different printed patterns.



Physical Development

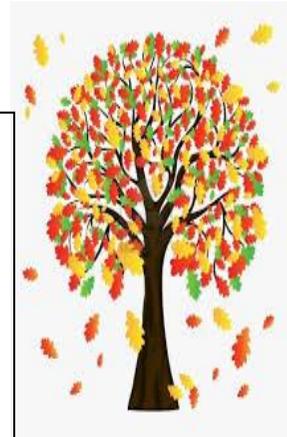
The children will be working towards the Early Learning Goal requirement of managing their own personal needs, by learning to put on their coats and do their zips up independently. We will be using our outdoor areas to develop the children's ability to move around safely in different spaces, and to develop their balance and climbing skills. We will also be focusing on fine motor skills within the classroom, through the use of peg boards, nuts and bolts, lacing boards and playdough.

Recommended Reads

- 'The Busy Little Squirrel' by Nancy Tafuri
- 'Supertato' by Sue Hendra
- 'Bear Snores on' by Karma Wilson

Understanding of the World

We will be using our senses to explore the world around us. We will be looking at what is happening to the environment during the autumn season. We will look closely at leaves and how they change colour. We will also hunt for different autumn objects and look at these more closely. We will look at a variety of autumn vegetables and use these as a basis through which we can talk about healthy eating habits. We will also be discussing Halloween and how it is celebrated in different households.



Being Imaginative

Our 'small world' area will contain props to help us to retell the story of 'The Busy Little Squirrel'.

We will also have a variety of storytelling characters available, that will help us to make our own stories up.

Key Vocabulary

- **Autumn:** the name of the season that comes after summer.
- **Migration:** When animals move from one place to another
- **Hibernation:** When animals sleep through the winter.