



A great big thank you for all the parents that have already returned the reply slips for the Walsall Arboretum Trip. If you haven't already done so, can you please return the slip by Friday 21st October 2022. If you have lost your letter, please ask a member of staff for a new one and we will issue you a new one.

This week, we will be starting a new focus, on the theme of Colours. We will: use our story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' to support our colour work. We will draw a story map and then use this to retell the story. To reinforce the learning of our colours, we will make different colour potions, colour lava lamps and handprint painting. We are continuing to learn how to share, wait and take turns when working and playing together. We will be learning to recognise the number 5 and continuing learning to recognise numbers without counting (Subitising). We will use different resources to help us subitise the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

In RE, this week we will begin our new unit of work called 'Creation - God the Creator'. We will begin our topic by talking about our families. We continue to learn the different prayers throughout the day.

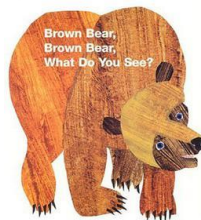
Focus words this week: Autumn, season, tree, prayer, kind

Talk about the words and what they mean. Can you use these words within a sentence throughout the week?

Focus Story:

Brown Bear,
Brown Bear

Bill Martin Jr / Eric Carle



Numbers of the Week: 5



Can you find this number in your house?
Can you show this amount using a resource?
Look at groups of objects. Is it 5 or not?
Roll dice, can you roll a 5? Encourage the children to try to spot 5 quickly without needing to count.

Rhyme of the Week:

Miss Polly had a Dolly

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick
And she called for the doctor to come quick, quick, quick
The doctor came with his bag and his hat
And he knocked at the door with a rat-a-tat-tat

He looked at the dolly and he shook his head
And he said, "Miss Polly, put her straight to bed"
He wrote on a paper for a pill, pill, pill
I'll be back in the morning if the baby's still ill

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Story Time

Reading books will be changed on Thursday.

**Please send your child's book bag into school
each day with their planner and reading book.**

**Please ensure the planner is signed to show
that you have read with your child.**

Thank you.

Home Readers

As you will have noticed, each of your children brought home a 'home reader' book. These are for you to read with your child and develop an enjoyment and excitement for reading.

You can change these books whenever you are ready too.

Morning parents: when you drop your child off, there is a bookcase in the cloakroom, this is where the home readers are kept, please, return and collect a new one when you need too.

Afternoon parents: At the end of the day, I will bring a selection of books up to the gate and if you need to change your book then, you will be able to. However, if it is easier, please put a note in the planner to say your child's book needs changing and we can do that for you.

This week the children will:

- Continue to practise our counting daily, numbers up to 17, when we count the children in class.
- Explore roles within the home using the role play 'home corner'
- We will read the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'
- We will draw a story map of the story.
- We will retell the story of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'
- We will paint some animal pictures from the story.
- We will do handprint painting.
- We will recognise the number 5
- We will begin to subitise numbers 1, 2 and 3
- Practice writing some pre-writing shapes and our names.
- Practising using our manners, saying 'Yes please', and 'No thank you' during snack time.
- Practising taking turns and sharing during our guided play.
- We will be talking about our families.
- We will also continue to learn our daily prayers.

Nursery Staffing Arrangements

The Nursery class is being taught by a Nursery Team of staff: Mrs Bamforth (Teacher), Mrs Evans (Teacher) and Mrs Mulvaney (Teacher) and Mrs Chambers (Teaching Assistant).

If you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Hannett or Mrs Hinton.



Important Dates

Friday 21st October - Break up for October Half-Term

Tuesday 1st November - School opens for the Autumn Term 2

Monday 7th November - Nursery trip to the Arboretum. Since the trip is in the morning, the afternoon session children can join the morning group for that day, so that they can enjoy the Arboretum trip too. A letter will go out this week, with trip details.