

# Nursery - Owl Babies

## English

Read and listen to the story of the Owl Babies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TPQRiSTYFH0>

Talk about the characters and how they are feeling. Can the children join in with the story? Can they remember what comes next? Discuss how stories start...Once there were/Once upon a time.

Sing the Jolly Phonics songs for i,n, m,g,o

Daily Phase 1 listening activities

Give meaning to marks made

Trace over letters in their name

## Understanding the world

Talk about the story and discuss features of owls and that owls are birds. Introduce new vocab - feathers, hunting, nocturnal etc.

Can the children re-tell the story in the woodland small world area? Talk about what other animals live in a woodland.

Can the children sort pictures into day and night?

## Maths

Daily counting to 20 - registration and owl number songs

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ke6xc1bnC\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ke6xc1bnC_Q)

IWB - Topmarks counting games.

Owl themed 2D shape recognition

Ordering different sized owls from smallest to largest

Compare different length twigs.

## Physical Development

Developing greater control of moving in a range of ways, owls, swooping etc.

Using scissors, threading, fine motor skills activities to strengthen our finger muscles and pre-writing skills.

Take part in daily dough disco to strengthen finger muscles.

## Art and Design

Sponge painting owls and mixing media to create an owl picture

Using clay to manipulate into an owl, sculpt a beak and pinch the clay to make 'feathers'.

## PSED and Communication and Language

Discuss golden rules in Nursery.

Talk about sharing and having kind hands in Nursery.

Be confident to share ideas in a small group at circle time. What do you know about owls? Have you ever been in a wood? Using senses to describe the texture of clay.

## Outside

Use role play owl masks to re-tell the story and explore twigs, feathers and leaves.

Use different size containers to explore capacity.

Construct using the large blocks and develop own ideas of what to build and know how to build safely too. Can you build a tree with a hole for the owls to live in?

## Things to do at home

Ask an adult to help you find out about other nocturnal animals. Can you then draw some pictures of them and bring into Nursery to go on display?