

Bluebells Learning for Autumn 2

Our book sequence for this half term is **The Runaway Chapati by Susan Price.**

This is a new twist on the traditional story of The Gingerbread Man, with repeated patterns that make this big book perfect for reading aloud!



This half term will include taking part in Forest School and exploring and investigating our very own woodland. We will be looking at the different features: the plants, trees and the animals who live there. We will continue to observe the outdoor environment throughout the autumn season.

We are exploring the Hindu festival of Diwali, the Christmas celebration and the tradition of Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. **We would love to see your child's experiences at home – please send photos on Dojo for us to share. Thank you!**



Vocabulary we will hear and begin to use.

Autumn	The season in which leaves can change colour and drop from tree.
Hibernate	When an animal or plant sleeps throughout the winter season.
Diwali	The Hindu Festival of Light.
Christmas	The Christian celebration of Jesus' birth.
Remembrance Day	People honour soldiers on this day.
Bonfire Night	5th November. English tradition of bonfire and fireworks.
Woods/ forest	An area of land, smaller than a forest, that is covered with growing trees

Let's Celebrate!

Our theme for the half term is **Let's Celebrate!**

We will create art to represent fireworks, poppies and Christmas traditions.

We will look at traditional tales and imaginative stories to enhance our vocabulary and narrative play.

We will also be very busy learning a Nativity script and songs to perform for you on **Monday 4th December!**



Phonics

Phase 1 phonics is taught throughout the year in nursery.

Aspect 2 – Instrumental Sounds

This aspect aims to develop children's awareness of sounds made by various instruments and noisemakers. Activities include comparing and matching sound makers, playing instruments alongside a story and making loud and quiet sounds.



Aspect 4 – Rhythm and Rhyme

This aspect aims to develop children's appreciation and experiences of rhythm and rhyme in speech, which will link in perfectly to The Runaway Chapati story.

Maths

Counting –

We will learn to say one number for each item in order 1,2,3,4,5 as we count them.

We will understand the order of numbers through rote counting in games, such as Hide and Seek and number rhymes.

We will learn that the last number reached when counting a small set of objects tells you how many there are in total.

Subitising –

We will practice the skill of quick recognition of up to 3 objects without having to count.

Additional learning:

We will continue to use **positional language and language relating to size.**

Sorting – Sorting by various characteristics e.g. type, shape, colour.

Can you take part in any maths activities (such as counting) at home? Send a photo to share on Class Dojo!

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Welcome back to nursery!
We have had a lovely first half term of getting to know each other and beginning our learning journey together. We are really looking forward to the next exciting half term!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to a member of the nursery team on the door or message via Class Dojo.



Please can we remind parents and carers to put your child's name in their jumpers and cardigans. Thank you.

Home Learning

Go on a nature walk, to the local woods, or park. Notice what you can see, hear or feel.

Make a collection of items you find and create a piece of art. This could be a Stickman, a collage or decoration. We would love to see your creations!

Talk about the dangers of the woods as you walk– staying with an adult, not eating things you find.

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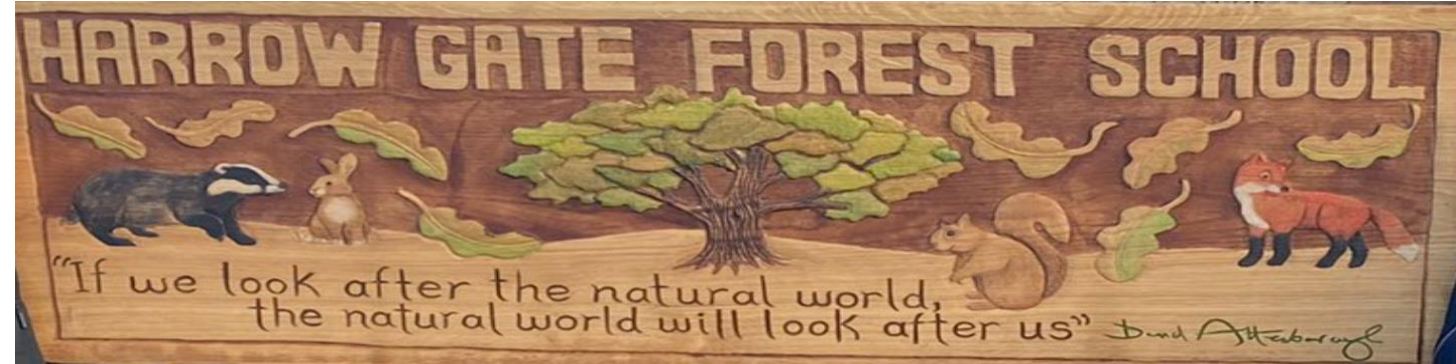


Make a Wind Catcher



Perhaps you could practice our Forest School agreement

*"Don't pick,
Don't lick,
Be careful with your stick!"*



Forest School sessions offer the opportunity for children to become completely immersed in the natural environment, develop their physical, problem-solving and communication skills.

Forest School will take place once a fortnight on a **Tuesday**. Children attending full days will take part in both morning and afternoon sessions.

Please ensure that your child wears comfortable and appropriate clothing on those days. Children's legs and arms must be covered so long sleeves and trousers or leggings are a must. We will provide children with waterproof suits. We have some spare wellies, but not enough for everyone, so if your child has a pair at home, we would appreciate you sending them in.

It is important that they are prepared for all weathers as we will always be going outside.

