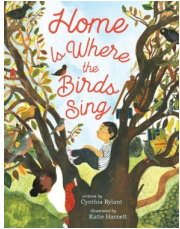


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This week we are moving onto a new text for our Literacy lessons—*Home is Where the Birds Sing* by Cynthia Rylant. It is a beautiful story about what makes a home feel like a home. We will be talking about who lives in our house and what our houses look like.
Are they the same or different?

The children really enjoyed their welly walk on Thursday. They found lots of leaves and noticed the colours and patterns.
We will be talking about why some leaves change colour and fall on the floor in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your attendance to our Reading Share session on Friday. These will continue throughout the year and are a fantastic opportunity to take time to read with your child.

Children's Belongings

Please ensure **all** belongings are named including jumpers, coats, shoes, wellies and water bottles.

Un-named belongings will be put in the lost property box.



Games

Many of the children this week have enjoyed playing our game, **Shopping List** from Orchard Toys. Players take it in turns to choose a card. If the shopping item is on their shopping list, they get to put it in their trolley. If not, the player puts it back and then it is the turn of the next person.

Playing games similar to this is a brilliant opportunity to practise observational skills, talking turns and waiting. Start with simple lotto games like Shopping List with two people playing (so their time to wait isn't too long) and then you can increase the amount of players in time (up to 4 people is perfect). Keep an eye out for these games in Lidl or Aldi, they are often on sale at a discounted price.



Our Topic is: All About Me



This week we will be talking about our homes.

It would be wonderful if you could take a photo of your child in front of their house. It could be a picture of the entire front of the house, or just the front door or number.

Please upload this picture to Tapestry and we will use them to talk to the children about the similarities and differences of everyone's homes

(i.e. different numbers, different shapes or colours).



Jewellery

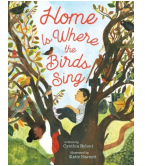
No hooped earrings in school as they are a safety risk. Stud earrings only, please.

Necklaces are not permitted.



Monday—Literacy

We will be focusing on learning vocabulary from our new text, *'Home is Where the Birds Sing'* by Cynthia Rylant.



Tuesday— Maths

We will be matching items or pictures & learning the language of 'same' and 'different'.

Wednesday— Literacy

Learning *'Home is Where the Birds Sing'* vocabulary—dozen and freshen up. What do these words and phrases mean and how do they fit into our story?

Thursday— Outdoor Learning

We will be learning the names of the different trees in our school grounds.



Friday-

Shared Reading 11am

Hillside Primary School Nursery



Parent Share



**Join us on
Wednesday 18th October
at 10.15am.**

**Drop your child off at 8.30am and
return at 10.15am for a stay and play.
Younger siblings welcome.**