



Nursery
Autumn Term 2
2026

Rhyme: Baa Baa Black Sheep

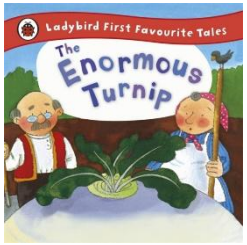
Communication and Language
We are changing our home corner to reflect different celebrations this term including Diwali, birthdays and Christmas. The children will explore taking on different roles in this play. We will be encouraging children to ask lots of questions and talk in more depth during a conversation, building up their vocabulary and understanding. We will be singing lots of Christmas songs and reading poems, stories and non-fiction texts.

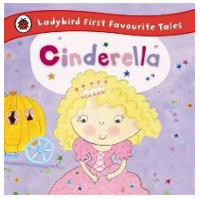
Literacy
We are going to be sharing lots of stories in nursery, 1:1 with an adult and in small groups. We will talk more about the pictures, thinking about characters, settings and events. We will use vocabulary such as author, illustrator, cover, full stops, etc. when reading stories. We'll have a go at writing letters to Father Christmas too! ☺

Expressive Arts and Design
We will be encouraging lots of mark-making and expressing our thoughts and feelings through this. We will be learning lots of nursery rhymes and exploring the sounds of instruments too thinking about how we make them loud and quiet, fast and slow. We will listen to a range of music and encourage children to describe the music they hear. We will explore colour mixing when learning about the colours orange and brown.



Five ways to wellbeing: Give
Values: Gratitude, Generosity and Kindness





Personal, Social and Emotional Development
We will be encouraging children to talk and play with each other and build friendships in the next few weeks. We will set up activities which encourage children to work together to promote speech and social interactions. We will also be encouraging children to share and wait for things they want. We will explore our feelings, labelling our emotions.

Physical Development
We will develop our bike riding skills as well as other physical skills, e.g. jumping, hopping, throwing, catching, etc. We will be using our gross motor skills to move our bodies in different ways, e.g. wave streamers and make marks. Developing fine motor skills by taking part in tabletop activities such as puzzles and threading will be encouraged. We will be encouraging children to help themselves as much as possible when it comes to putting their coat on and washing their hands.

Mathematics Development
We will start to learn about 3D shapes in Nursery this term. We will be introducing 3D shape names – sphere, cuboid, cube, cylinder and cone – and we will be using this language alongside children in their play. We will be practising accurate counting, making sure we have accurate 1:1 correspondence, saying one number name for each object as we count.

Understanding the World
We are going to be talking to the children about their home lives, who is in their family and where they live. We want children to become confident in sharing their home lives with us so that we can learn about all different cultures and ways of life. How we celebrate traditions in a variety of cultures will be explored, e.g. Christmas, Diwali and New Year. We want to build up an understanding of our life history and I'll be asking for your help in this over the coming weeks. ☺ We will be experiencing all things autumnal and start some scientific exploration of light and dark.