'The Hub' Progressive Group autumn 1 2026

Our topic this term is Autumn and Christmas

During the second half of the autumn term, learning focuses on helping children explore and understand the changing season through meaningful, hands-on experiences. The priority is to continue developing communication through Makaton and spoken language, strengthen friendships and social skills, build independence, and encourage curiosity about the world around them. Through activities linked to autumn leaves, seasonal change, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Children in Need, weather and woodland exploration, children are provided with rich opportunities to develop vocabulary, communication, problem-solving, physical development and imaginative play. Learning experiences encourage children to observe, investigate and discuss what they notice in their environment while developing confidence, resilience and a sense of belonging within the school community.

Our key texts this half term will be



Below outlines how the topic links to the EYFS curriculum.

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE We will be continuing to embed daily routines using consistent visual timetables, now/next boards, Widgit and Makaton. We will be continuing to develop understanding of communication and colourful semantics to support our sentence structure. The children will learn how to use words, sign and symbols to help them describe autumn, their feelings, animals and Christmas. We will continue with Phase 2 and Phase 3 phonics through daily teaching.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT We will be continuing to reinforce our daily classroom routines, boundaries, expectations and building trusting relationships with all adults. We will support positive transitions into school to ensure all pupils feel safe and settled. We will focus on developing friendships, taking turns and understanding how express our feelings in a safe and respectful way.

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT children will engage in sensory circuits, parachute games which will develop coordination and working together. They will be developing their fine and gross motor skills through balancing, climbing, using a variety of tools for mark making and cutting. We will be encouraging independence and self-help skills.



MATHS Children will practice daily counting, subitising up to 10. They will be able to match, sort and compare different objects by size. We will be using five and ten frames. We will be sorting, comparing and grouping objects. We will be exploring pattern using a variety of resources.

LITERACY Children will be supported to engage in shared reading of repeated stories. They will discuss content and preferences. They will be encouraged to make predictions and sequence key events. They will be constructing sentences using colourful semantics.



UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD Children will be learning about autumn, Bonfire Night safety, changes in the weather, hedgehogs, Remembrance Day and Christmas.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN Children will explore, use and refine a variety of artistic effects to express their ideas and feelings, they will create self-portraits, family pictures and face collages. We will share and learn songs/rhymes including Makaton signs.

1. Autumn Leaves are Falling Down
2. Five Little Leaves
3. I'm a Little Hedgehog
4. Firework Action Songs
5. Rain Rain Go Away
6. Jingle Bells
7. We Wish You a Merry Christmas
8. When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney
9. Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star
10. Rocking Around the Christmas Tree



Help at home



We hope that your child enjoys sharing books at home. We are going to be sending your child home with a book that matches their current reading ability – this is for you to read to and with your child please. Please ensure that this book and diary is brought back to school each week and we will change it for a new book every **Wednesday**. Please take time to read the book with your child and talk about the story and characters. Every day you read with your child they will get a point towards their rainbow reader badge!

Dates for your diary



2nd November INSET DAY
3rd November onwards Remembrance poppies and merchandise for sale during break time



16th November SEND Hub to Statfold Barn Railway (letter to follow)

16th November Odd Socks Day – come to school wearing odd socks



30th November The Hub – breakfast with Santa (letter to follow)

1st December Christmas Fayre 3PM – 5PM
9th December Christmas Dinner Day
10th December Christmas Disco - Nursery, Preschool and The Hub 2.15PM-3.00PM
18th December Christmas Party

If you have any questions please come and see us or contact Miss Sivieri or Mrs Morgan

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