**Communication and Language.**

As we focus on a range of stories this half term the children will begin to develop increasing attention and recall to stories. Being able to retell a story in their own words or remember familiar phrases. As they become more familiar with the classroom resources they will gain an understanding of the use of object and should be able to follow and respond to simple instructions. The children will have plenty of opportunities to use talk in their pretend play.

**Understanding the World.**

Nursery will be learning all about the changes in our environment during autumn. We will be talking about how things work and why things happen. Children will be encouraged to comment and ask questions about the natural world. As Celebrations approach we will be recognising and describing special times or events for families and friends. And begin to develop an interest in different ways of life.

**Expressive Art and Design.**

Nursery will be exploring colour and how colours can be changed. As well as beginning to be interested in and describe the textures of things. We will be enjoying creating movements to music and using available resources to create props to support our roleplay.

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development.**

Throughout this half term nursery will be encouraged to select and use resources independently. They will be encouraged to talk confidently with adults as they are playing about their own wants and needs. Through independent play and adult led activities children will be supported to share, take turns and accept the needs of others.

As children begin to make friendships they will start to play within a group and keep play going by responding to others.

**Physical Development.**

This half term nursery will be focusing on developing our gross and fine motor skills. Using activities such as disco dough and finger gym, we will begin to use our gross motor movements to draw lines and circles. We will also be carving pumpkins, cutting using scissors and many activities to practise using one handed tools. We will be focusing on the understanding that tools need to be used safely.

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Exploring the Dark.



**Literacy.**

We will be focusing on ‘Owl Babies’ and the story of ‘Diwali’. Children will be encouraged to listen to stories 1:1 and also in small groups. They will be encouraged to describe the main story setting, events as well as the principal characters. Through a variety of activities children will begin to be aware of the way stories are structured. Children will continue to be encouraged to use different resources such as paints, crayons, pencils to make creative marks and give meanings to them.

**Mathematics.**

Daily maths activities will support your child to begin to use some number names and number language spontaneously. Children will begin to represent numbers using their fingers and show curiosity about number by offering comments or asking questions.

In shape children will be encouraged to show an interest in shape by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects. We will be talking about the shapes of everyday objects.