



Date: 14/11/25

Theme: Owl Babies

Owls

This week we enjoyed the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. We explored the characters and their feelings at different points in the story, learning the new word 'petrified'. We also discovered that owls are nocturnal and that a baby owl is called an owlet. The children let their imaginations soar by creating their own adventures for Mummy Owl, whether she was off to the beach or popping to the shops to buy dinner! They came up with some very creative dishes to feed the baby owls. We went on a Mummy Owl hunt, making pictures and maps to help us find her. In our finger gym activities, we painted owls using pompoms and cut paper shapes to create owl collages. We even danced the Owl Dance during our dough disco session! After learning that owls have an amazing sense of hearing, we tested our own listening skills with a game at Forest School. Then we explored the site for ingredients to make more meals for Mummy Owl, including mouse soup and worm ice cream.



Building our core strength

This term, we've been diving into the BEAM scheme and what a difference it's making! We have turned into little balance champions, copying Mrs Archer's moves with incredible focus. We're not just striking each pose but holding it strong for a full 10 seconds! The determination and teamwork in the room have been amazing.

PSHE with Mrs Quireshi

While Mrs Archer has her PPA time, Mrs Quireshi has started taking us for our PSHE lessons. Through captivating stories and lively discussions, we explored our similarities and differences and discovered something powerful: our differences aren't just okay, they're something to celebrate! The children shared thoughtful ideas and showed real respect for each other's individuality.

Christmas is coming

The Christmas countdown has officially begun! Our classroom is buzzing with excitement as we warm up our voices to all those catchy tunes for the big performance. There's nothing like a good sing-along to get us in the festive spirit!

In RE, we've started exploring the Christmas story. This week brought a fun surprise, we discovered that Mrs Archer was once a baby!

We loved looking at her baby photos and chatting about how much she's changed. From there, we turned our attention to Jesus, learning how Christians remember him as a baby and the incredible miracles they believe he performed as an adult.



Maths: This week we have been looking at the composition of numbers to 4, focussing on 4. We have learnt to subitise 4 by moving objects in our mind into a square shape.



Key vocab: 1 more, 1 less, first, next, then, before, after, one, two, three, four, pair, part, whole.

Phonics: This week we have learnt j, v, w and x. We have learnt the harder to read and spell words *he*, *she* and *buses*. Please remind the children to say the sounds as 'pure' sounds rather than adding an 'uh' on the end.

Learning Journal Task

This week, I would like you to:

Find out about other nocturnal animals.

Draw a picture and write the initial sounds of the words.

Find out more information about the creatures such as what they eat.

Things to remember:

- A number of children are struggling with their play dough as it has gone really sticky. Although more expensive, the brand 'Play-Doh' is the best for our dough disco sessions. It doesn't last forever but longer than other brands.
- A number of children are not drinking their milk. Please ask your child if they enjoy milk at snack time. If not then you can either cancel it direct or speak to the office about cancelling it.
- PE will be on Tuesday next week as the hall is out of use on Monday.
- The Happy Puzzle Company are coming to school on Monday. There may be an opportunity to buy some lovely games at the end of the day so please come prepared.