

# Nursery Newsletter



Aldwyn Primary School - Every Child a Success

## Autumn Term 2

Tuesday 31st October 2023  
to  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Theme – Beary Busy & Christmas

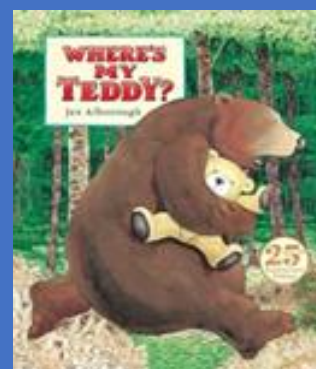
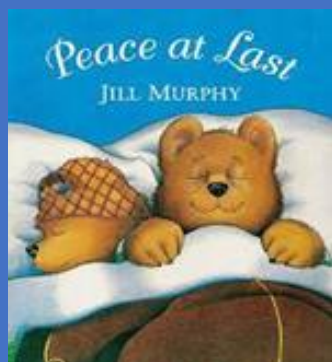
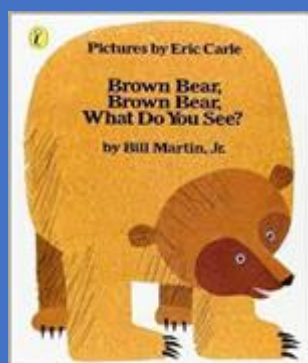
We would like to say a big well done to all our Nursery children for settling in really well!

This half term we will be learning lots of new things!  
We will be enjoying lots of Halloween activities and joining in with the Reception disco in the hall. We will be learning all about Bonfire Night and making some lovely firework and bonfire crafts.

We will begin our new topic 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'.  
Children in Need is in November so we will be talking about this and meeting 'Pudsey Bear'.

Also in November we will be thinking about people who help and care for us for Remembrance Day as well as learning about Diwali. As we go into December we will be doing all things 'Christmas'!!!

### What will we read this half term?



### What will we learn this half term?

Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

## Communication and Language

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be sharing lots of books to develop the love of reading and talking about the stories. We will be using puppets, props and toys to bring the stories alive!

We will continue to share news from the weekend on a Monday so please bring your yellow books in on a Monday morning. This encourages the children to speak in front of their familiar group as well as listen to each other.

We will continue to help the children learn our routines and help to develop their confidence in their environment and new situations. We will be doing lots activities to promote sharing and taking turns

## Literacy

Our main areas of learning this half term are based around the books 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' by Bill Martin. Jr. and 'Little Robin Red Vest' by Jan Fearnley. The main focus of these books are learning colours. We will be looking at the different animals that Brown Bear sees, the colour of the animals and the noises they make. We will also be sharing lots of other stories too.

We will be encouraging the children to repeat words and phrases from familiar stories and act them out. The children will have lots of opportunities to mark make freely and with encouragement give meaning to their drawings.

## Maths

In Maths we will be continuing to develop our counting skills. We will be singing lots of songs and action songs to help with this. Every day during the register carpet time we will be practising counting. We use 'Peter Pointer' to count how many children are in everyday so extending up to 20 and often beyond! We will continue to follow the schemes of work from 'White Rose Maths' on the interactive whiteboard. This term we will be looking at numbers 1 & 2 – counting, subitising and recognising the numerals.

We will be linking numerals and amounts; for example, showing the right number of objects to match the numeral up to 5 using the animals from our topic story.

We will making comparisons between objects relating to size using different sized bears!

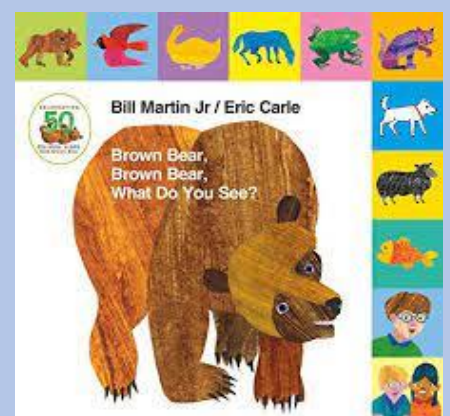
## Understanding the World

We will talk about our families and other people who are special as well as thinking about how we are special and unique! For Remembrance Sunday we will be thinking about people who help us and help look after us.

We will be talking about the children's own experiences of the animals from the story... do any of the children have any of these animals as pets? Where might the other animals live?

Children absolutely love exploring their natural environment and what better way to do this than to experience the changing seasons and weather first hand! We will be exploring the autumnal and seasonal changes in and around school.

We will be using our whiteboard to play games, join in with new songs and help us learn lots of new things.



## Expressive Arts and Design

We will be doing lots of lovely creative activities such as painting, drawing and using natural materials to create pictures of animals and collages. We will be making poppies using potatoes to print them and clay Diwali lamps.

We will be singing lots of nursery rhymes during our carpet time sessions and joining in 'World nursery Rhyme Week' (week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November) finding out the children's favourite songs and rhymes. Our children love 'Jack Hartman' and we will be encouraging the children to enjoy joining in with the dancing and moving to music.



## Physical Development

We will continue to work on the children's fine motor skills by doing activities such as playdough, jigsaws, threading and sorting objects with tweezers. These activities all help with the children's pen hold and control for mark making. We will also continue to learn how to use scissors by holding them correctly and developing their control when cutting.

Our children love to play outside so we will be enjoying the Autumn weather and going on welly walks to play, explore and collect lots of Autumn coloured leaves and conkers!



Please provide your child with a pair of wellies that will stay in nursery in the cloakroom. Please make sure they are labelled with your child's name. We will be developing our gross motor skills by playing in the larger Reception outside area where the children can play on bikes, trikes and scooters as well as developing their balancing on the climbing frames.

As we like to get hands-on please be aware that, on occasion, your child's clothing might not be as clean as when they first came to school! This usually means they are having lots of fun!



Also please remember that the children can wear school coloured jogging pants, especially as it gets colder.



Having some spare clothes in your child's book bag will be useful, such as socks, trousers, underwear etc.

## Tapestry

Now we have got Tapestry up and running please let me know if you are not accessing the posts! It is a good way to communicate with parents/carers. We share your child's learning and lots of fun activities

that they do during the day as well as upcoming events. Please 'like' or 'comment' so we know you are receiving the posts.

### **Lunch time and snacks**

Snack we will still be provided with various fruits and a drink of milk. Your child will bring their own labelled water bottle everyday and will need to be taken home and cleaned everyday. The children who are staying all day will bring their pack lunch. Please label your child's lunch box.

The staff who are supporting your children at lunch time are: Miss Gomez and Mr Gibbons. They help your child with their food and lunchtime routines.

It is vital to let staff know of any allergies or intolerances.

### **Thank you**

We really look forward to the busy term ahead. We will be informing you of forthcoming dates for Christmas activities. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to speak to your class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Nursery Team