

### How you can support your child's learning at home:

- Spend time reading/sharing a book with your child
- Sing nursery rhymes and counting songs
- Encourage your child to talk about their learning
- Count forwards and backwards starting at different numbers
- Encourage your child to find numbers and letters in the environment

In Oak class we will be encouraging children to become independent. We would like you to help us with this by allowing your child to put their own belongings in the correct place within the classroom. E.g coats on pegs, book bags in the box etc. To help your child to identify their belongings please ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled, including coats and shoes.

### Other ways to support:

As well as supporting your child's learning, there are other ways in which you can help.

- Show your child how to use a knife and fork correctly.
- Teach your child to zip up their own coat.
- Encourage them to dress and undress themselves (they will need to do this for PE).
- Encourage your child to tidy away their toys.
- Remind your child of the need for hand washing before eating and after using the toilet.

### Other information:

- Bookbags to be brought to school everyday.
- Books to be returned and reading cards to be signed up to 3 times a week.
- P.E days are on Fridays. You can bring P.E kits in on Monday and leave them until Friday.



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## Early Years - Oak

# Curriculum Newsletter

For Parents

## Autumn Term

## Welcome to Early Years!

Our topic this term is **Into the Woods**. We will be taking a look at our natural world and British Wildlife. We will continue to explore seasons, ask your child what they know about Autumn and how do they know it is Autumn as we have already started our learning on seasons. We will explore what creepy crawlies live in the woodlands and will go on a hunt to add them to our bug hotel!

The Early Years curriculum allows the children to choose if they wish to learn inside or outdoors. Unfortunately British weather being as it is, we can't promise sunshine and so need to be prepared! We will still go outside whatever the weather, as long as it is safe to do so. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the weather with them every day.

It is worth noting that some of the activities in Early Years are messy and clothing can look a little worse for wear at the end of the day (including coats). Children do wear aprons for messy tasks but accidents can happen and mess/stains cannot always be avoided.

## Communication and Language/Literacy

This half term we will be learning how to:

- Read 16 sounds at speed
- Read and spell words with these sounds
- Write words, labels and captions
- Learn new vocab linked to our Literacy text.

This term we are reading: Goldilocks and the Three bears, Rama and Sita, Christmas story and Hansel and Gretel.

- Use new vocabulary in different contexts/
- Develop a deep familiarity with new knowledge.



## Mathematics

This half term in Mathematics we will be:

- Joining in with counting rhymes
- Talking about daily routines
- Counting – one number name to each object up to 10
- Learning that ANYTHING can be counted, including sounds and movements
- Counting objects left to right, top to bottom, bottom to top
- Sorting objects into groups (early addition)
- Comparing quantities of identical/non-identical objects
- Continue, copy and create repeating patterns.
- Compare length, weight and capacity.

**Art – We will be looking at the Artist Kandinsky and recreating his art work.**

**PSHE – We are celebrating differences, identifying our talents and looking at why we as individuals are so special.**

**R.E- Diwali and the traditional Christmas story.**

**Science – Seasons and British Wildlife**

**Geography – We are going to explore where we live (Balby, inside Doncaster).**

**History – Seasonal changes and Conisborough Castle**

