

Literacy

Texts Include:

'Owl babies' 'The Christmas Story'

- Introducing sounds—b, c, g, h, d, e f, v, k, l, r, u.
- Word building, word reading and word writing. (Sounds-Write programme)
- Retelling stories and sequencing events.
- Introduction to non-fiction texts.

Expressive Arts and Design

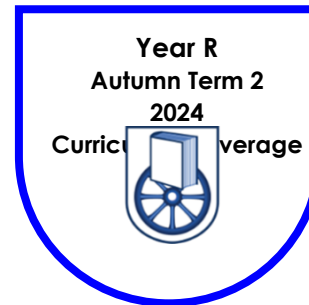
- Creating collaboratively and sharing ideas.
- Developing own ideas using various materials.
- Developing storylines in play.
- Singing in a group and perform to an audience.
- Exploring and engage in music making.

Mathematics

- Finding out how many objects there are 'altogether'.
- Exploring ways to represent numbers to 5.
- Comparing two sets – more than, fewer than.
- Focusing on the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'.
- Investigating the composition of 3, 4 and 5.
- Developing subitising skills.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

- Expressing feelings and consider the feelings of others.
- Showing confidence in speaking to others about their own needs, wants, interests and opinions in familiar group.
- Showing understanding of the need for safety when tackling new challenges.



Understanding the World

- Understanding the past and present through characters and events – Bonfire Night and Guy Fawkes.
- Naming and describing animals that hibernate.
- Understanding the seasonal features of Winter.
- Celebrating Diwali and Christmas.

Physical Development.

- Combining different movements with ease and fluency.
- Confidently and safely use a range of large and small apparatus indoors and outside, alone and in a group.
- Using simple tools to effect changes to materials.
- Beginning to form recognisable letters independently.

Our Topic **On a Dark, Dark Night**

Communication and Language

- Using language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.
- Extending vocabulary by grouping.
- Engaging in non-fiction books.
- Describing events in some detail.

Stunning Start

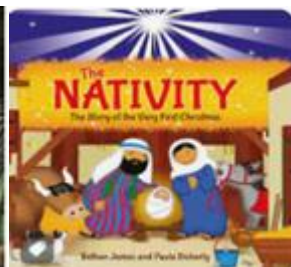
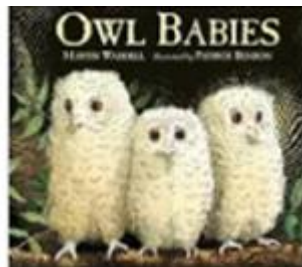
Where is Mummy owl? Can we find where she has gone?

Fabulous Finish

Christmas singing performance to parents in school and also to the residents of the Pilgrims View care home in Snodland.

Visits, Visitors and Important Dates

EVENT	DATE
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 11 th November
Odd Socks Day	Tuesday 12 th November
National Road Safety week	Monday 18 th November
Van Cols individual and sibling photographs	Tuesday 19 th November
Children in Need – Non-uniform day	Friday 22 nd November
Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 25 th - Thursday 28 th November 3:20pm – 3:45pm in the library
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 th December
EYFS including Nursery Christmas Concert	Friday 13 th December – Time to be confirmed
Christmas Lunch	Friday 13 th December
Christmas Church Service for Parents	Monday 16 th December – Details to follow



How you can help...

We hope that this guide will help you to get further involved in your child's education. You could:

- Read books together and discuss the story.
- Practise holding a pencil correctly.
- Practise name writing.
- Count things in everyday life, e.g. how many spoons are on the table?
- Practise doing coats up. Trying to put some items of clothing on independently when getting dressed in the morning.
- Practise putting shoes on independently.
- Practise using cutlery.

Home Communication

We have an open-door policy in Reception and encourage parents to speak to us regularly. Please wait until all children are dismissed or make an appointment if you wish to discuss something at length.

Facebook

In Year R we complete posts on Facebook throughout each week, sharing the children's learning.