



"Me and My Community" and "Exploring Autumn"



Do you want to be my friend?

Topic Overview

This term our project is all about children settling into the new rules and routines of school. It encourages them to make new friends and feel confident in their class. This project teaches children about being helpful, kind and thoughtful at home and at school. It also teaches children how they are unique and special, the importance of friendship and how people in their family, school and local community are important and can help them.

We will also be exploring the natural changes that happen during the season of Autumn, including how the weather changes, why trees lose their leaves and how wild animals prepare for winter.

Recommended Books

'Marvellous Me' by Lisa Bullard

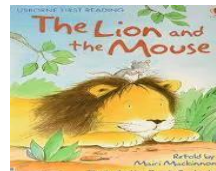
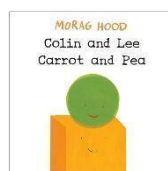
'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers

'Colin and Lee and Carrot and Pea' by Morag Hood

'The Lion and the Mouse' by Mairi Mackinnon

'How Many Seeds in a Pumpkin?' by Margret McNamara

'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert



This Term We Are Learning ...

Communication and Language	New vocabulary related to our topic and to ask lots of questions to help us find out more.
Physical Development	To develop their fine motor skills so they can use a range of tools competently, safely and confidently. Revise and refine the movement skills they have already required.
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	To build constructive and respectful relationships. Express their feelings and consider the feelings of others.
Literacy	To read individual and group letters, saying the sounds for them. Blend sounds into words.
Mathematics	Count objects, actions and sounds. Link numbers to their cardinal value. Subitise and explore the composition of numbers to 5. Recognise and investigate shape and patterns.
Understanding of the World	Explore the natural world around them, describing what they see, hear and feel. Begin to understand the effect of the changing seasons. Talk about members of their family and community.
Expressive Arts and Design	To move, sing and dance to different songs and music. To explore, use and refine their artistic ideas and feelings using a range of materials.

How To Help Your Child's Learning

Watch out for our **weekly phonics videos on google classroom** to help support reading and writing progression.

Read and share lots of story and information books with your child. Help them to retell the story and predict what will happen next. Make up and create your own stories using characters your child loves. Make them a character in a story, include your family and friends in the story too!

Please read daily with your child and practise your child's words and sounds with them.

Key Vocabulary

Please talk to the children about the project they are learning at school. Using key vocabulary will help model to the children how to use this language in their vocabulary.

Family, friend, home, school, teacher, neighbour, community, help, share, belong.

Items Related To Our Topic

Suggested challenges to explore our project at home:

Helping Hands Challenge - Can you do one helpful thing for someone at home (tidy up, share toys, help set the table)

Family Portrait Challenge - Can you draw or paint a picture of your family?

Neighbourhood Walk - Can you go for a short walk and spot different places (school, shop, park, postbox).

My Special Place - Can you draw or talk about a place in your community where you feel happy?

Information For This Term

Forest learning will take place on a Thursday afternoon. Children will need to come to school in non-uniform, long sleeved clothes and bring their waterproofs in a separate bag to change into later. Please ensure waterproofs are labelled and that welly boots stay in school for the winter months.

PE will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit.. This consists of a black pair of tracksuit trousers or shorts, a white t-shirt, a warm sweatshirt or jacket and a pair of comfortable sports trainers. Please also ensure that **long hair is tied back** and children have **earrings removed** or are able to take them out themselves.

We kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £5 each term to help with costs of special activities we do in class, such as baking and messy play. This donation can be made through the School Gateway app. Thank you very much.

Term Dates

Wednesday 17th September: Meet the Inclusion Team- 9.15am

Tuesday 23rd September: Individual Sibling Photos

Wednesday 24th September: Book Fair opens

Thursday 25th September: Flu immunisations Rec to Year 6

Monday 29th September: Phonics workshop for parents (School Hall)- 2.40pm-3.10

Friday 3rd October: Harvest Festival 1.15pm/2.15pm

Monday 6th October: Parent Forum Group-9.15am

Tuesday 7th October: Year 6 Cake Sale (School hall)

Friday 10th October: School INSET- School closed for the day.

Friday 24th October: School closes for half-term- Non-uniform (£1 donation)