

Pre-School - Cluster Sheet

Autumn Term 2 2024



4th November- 20th December

What are we going to be learning? This half term we will be talking about Christmas and practising our song for the nativity, This will build the children's confidence in performing to an audience. We are going to be learning a song and using makaton symbols. We will also be starting sign of the week. We will be posting a video of our sign of the week on Class Dojo. With the Stick Man we will talk about stick safety when we are in the woods and safety when doing woodwork. We will be looking at rhyme as there is a lot of repetitive rhyme in Stick Man and predicting what happens next in the story, The children will be looking at signs of the season change from autumn to winter.

How to support learning at home:

Look out while out and about at the season changes and the trees. Find sticks and have a game of pooh sticks and look at different ways to use sticks. Read The Stick Man at home. Practice our sign of the week. Listen to the background music and snuggle up and watch the film and see if the children can learn the words to sing along.

Background Artist: Jackson Pollock

Jackson Pollock was an artist from the US and is best known for his splatter paintings. We will be exploring this through using different art equipment.



Stick Man- Julia Donaldson

Focus Text:



This half term we will be enjoying the story Stick Man, We will talk about the story, the author and illustrator. We will explore all the different things you can do with a stick and the build up to Christmas.

Focus Rhyme:



Background Music: Do you want to build a snowman



With this piece of music, we will discuss how it is used in a film. There are a number of different instruments throughout the song and the tempo changes, We will also talk about the season change from Autumn to Winter.

- Water bottle
- Nappies (If needed)
- Baby Wipes
- Spare clothes, pants and socks
- Muddy trousers
- Wellies

Please could all the above be provided in a named ruck sacks. NO CARRIER BAGS PLEASE.

Other Information:

We are excited this half term to be raising money for some new muddy trousers and an airer to dry them on. We will be hosting a readathon week at pre-school where we are asking families to get sponsorship to read as many books as they can in a week. We are grateful to FOFs who are funding a Christmas treat for the children; we have an amazing storyteller coming in on Friday 6th December and would like to invite all parents to come for breakfast at pre-school that day for a stay and play and to join in with the interactive story. All children are invited to join us for this session. We are also looking forward to our trip to Birdworld on Friday 15th. If you have any questions about these events, please let us know.

Events, trips, visits, visitors to support this cluster of learning and any other notable dates:

Week beg 4 th November	Week beg 9 th November	Week beg 18 th November	Week beg 25 th November	Week beg 2 nd December	Week beg 9 th December	Week beg 16 th December
Monday –	Monday - Library	Monday –	Monday - Library	Monday –Sponsored read-a-thon week	Monday	Monday –Library
Tuesday -	Tuesday-	Tuesday -	Tuesday-	Tuesday – Healthy Heroes' workshop (Children Only)	Tuesday -	Tuesday –
Wednesday -	Wednesday – Forest school	Wednesday – Library	Wednesday-	Wednesday -	Wednesday – Forest School	Wednesday -
Thursday – Forest school	Thursday- Forest School	Thursday –	Thursday- Forest school	Thursday - Library	Thursday – Nativity 11 am and 2pm	Thursday – Christmas Jumper day - finish at 1:15
Friday- Parents' meetings	Friday – Birdworld Trip	Friday – Forest School	Friday -	Friday – Stay and play and storyteller	Friday –Library	Friday - INSET DAY