



Barn Owls Overview Term 1

Themes

- Settling in
- Talking about ourselves, our families and our recent past
- Learning about Harvest
- Watching the seasons change and learning about Autumn
- Learning and retelling the stories of Owl Babies, Pumpkin Soup and Stickman

Communication and Language

- Listen to and talk about stories to build familiarity and understanding
- Learn rhymes, poems, and songs
- Engage in story times
- Get to know our teachers and our peers and enjoy conversation and imaginary play

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Begin to see ourselves as valuable individuals
- Think about how we can build constructive and respectful relationships
- Become confident to express our feelings and consider the feelings of others

Physical Development

- Develop the skills we need to manage the school day successfully including managing mealtimes and personal hygiene
- Develop overall body-strength, balance, co-ordination and agility through weekly PE and Forest School Sessions

Literacy

- Read individual letters and say the sounds for them
- Begin to blend sounds into words, so that we can read short words made up of known letter-sound correspondences
- Learn and apply phase 2 sounds
- Engage in regular individual and guided reading sessions both at home and at school

Mathematics

- Match and sort. Compare amounts. Compare size, mass and capacity.
Explore pattern
- Represent, compare and compose numbers 1,2 and 3.
- Identify and describe circles and triangles. Use of positional language.
- Count objects, actions and sounds
- Subitise
- Link the number symbol (numeral) with its cardinal number value
- Understand one more than/ one less than relationship between consecutive numbers

Understanding the World

- Talk about members of our immediate family and community
- Name and describe people who are familiar to us
- Compare and contrast characters from stories, including figures from the past
- Explore our woodland and understand the changing of the seasons
- Go on a village walk around Iron Acton and begin to recognise key landmarks
- Learn why and how we celebrate Harvest Festival in our community

Expressive Art and Design

- Develop storylines in our pretend play
- Sing in a group, find the pulse in a song, clap rhythms and explore high and low sounds in voices and instruments.
- Use Clay to create our own woodland models
- Experiment with pencil and paint to create our own self portraits using careful observation skills.