

Fledglings Newsletter Autumn 2 2025



As we move into the second part of the autumn term, the children will be exploring our new topic, "Changing Seasons." We'll be noticing how the world around us transforms at this time of year — from falling leaves and frosty mornings to shorter days and cosy, colder weather. Through stories, outdoor learning, creative activities, and lots of discussion, we'll be supporting the children to build their understanding of the natural world, develop new vocabulary, and share their own experiences of autumn and winter.

This term is also filled with excitement as we begin to prepare for Christmas, practise our Nativity songs, and enjoy plenty of festive fun together. We can't wait to see the children continue to grow in confidence, independence, and curiosity as they explore this magical time of year.

Communication and Language	Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	RE
<p>This half term, we will be continuing to develop children's listening and speaking skills through daily conversations, story time, songs, and rich vocabulary experiences linked to our Changing Seasons topic. We will encourage the children to talk about what they notice outdoors, describe seasonal changes, and share their own experiences from home.</p>	<p>We will be helping children to recognise what makes them special and celebrate their individual strengths. We will explore families and homes, learning that everyone is unique and that our differences make us who we are. Children will have opportunities to talk about their own families, build friendships, and practise sharing, turn-taking, and kindness.</p>	<p>This half term, we will be building children's gross motor skills through PE sessions and plenty of outdoor learning. We will also continue to strengthen fine motor skills through activities such as cutting with scissors, using hammers, manipulating playdough, and exploring baking tools. These opportunities help children develop control, confidence, and independence in their movements as well as preparing their hands for early writing.</p>	<p>In RE we will be thinking about what makes each of us special and unique, recognising that everyone has their own gifts and qualities. We will also be learning about the Christian celebration of Christmas, exploring the Nativity story and understanding why this time of year is special for many families. Children will have opportunities to reflect, share their own experiences, and take part in festive activities that promote kindness, giving, and togetherness.</p>

Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Maths	Literacy
<p>We will be learning about special events and seasonal changes in our world. We will talk about Bonfire Night and how to stay safe, explore the story of Guy Fawkes, and learn why the poppy is a symbol of remembrance. We will also learn about Advent and discover Christmas traditions from around the world, helping children understand that celebrations can be similar or different in different cultures and families.</p>	<p>The children will be exploring a range of creative techniques linked to seasonal celebrations and festivals. We will create firework paintings, handprint poppies, and circles and triangles collages, as well as printing with different shapes. As Christmas approaches, the children will make decorations and Christmas cards. We will also be practising and performing Christmas songs for our Nativity, giving children the chance to build confidence and express themselves through music and performance.</p>	<p>We will continue developing children's number sense through our focus on numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The children will explore the composition of each number, subitise small amounts, and use number language in their play. We will also be learning about shapes, including circles, triangles, and shapes with four sides, and noticing these in the environment. Children will take part in practical counting activities, songs, and games, and enjoy festive Christmas maths to apply their learning in fun and meaningful ways.</p>	<p>The children will be enjoying a range of stories linked to changing seasons and festive celebrations. We will explore books such as Night Monkey, Day Monkey, Stick Man, The Gruffalo's Child, Dear Santa, and The Christmas Eve Tree. Through these stories, children will develop their listening and attention skills, extend their vocabulary, and practise phonics activities such as segmenting, and blending. They will also have opportunities to retell stories, join in with repeated phrases, and engage in mark-making linked to the texts.</p>

Diary Dates this half term

- 11th and 13th November – Parents Evening
- 14th November – Children in Need fundraiser (wear PJs or spots)
- 21st November – Non uniform day
- 28th November – Christmas Jumper Day
- 29th November – Christmas Fair
- 10th and 11th December – Nativity
- 17th December – Christmas Party