| Class Name: Early Years | Curriculum Overview<br>Topics: I Belong and Amazing Autumn | Autumn 1 |
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| **Communication and Language**<br>This term we will continue to develop our listening skills through our daily story and rhyme time. In addition, we will focus on:<br><br>Nursery 1:<br>• Listening to stories<br>• Asking an adult for help when I need it<br>Nursery 2:<br>• Using new vocabulary we hear in stories<br>• Developing our listening skills in storytime<br>Reception<br>• Taking turns in conversation<br>• Answering simple questions about stories<br>• Talking with a Talk Partner before sharing ideas in a group | **PSED**<br>This term, we will be focusing on what makes me special and my family.<br>Nursery 1:<br>• Knowing who we can go to if we need help.<br>• Talking about what I like and dislike<br>Nursery 2:<br>• Taking turns and sharing.<br>• Talking about what makes us special<br>Reception<br>• Identifying my feelings (sad, happy, worried, angry)<br>• Knowing it is ok to make mistakes- *mistakes help us grow!*<br>• Developing confidence in our environment<br><br>**Expressive Arts and Design**<br>• Making our own Leaf Men using natural materials<br>• Creating self-portraits using paint or pen<br>• Using loose parts to create our families<br>• Learning new nursery rhymes, and singing them along with actions.<br>• Developing an understanding of music,, copying rhythm and exploring pitch. | **Physical Development**<br>Nursery 1:<br>• Beginning to make marks with different tools<br>• Washing our hands by ourselves<br>Nursery 2:<br>• Using large muscle movements e.g. with our shoulders and arms<br>• Learning to hop, skip and balance on one leg<br>• Being able to tell an adult when we are hungry, thirsty or tired<br>Reception:<br>• We will have a weekly PE lesson in Reception. Please come to school wearing your PE kit each **Thursday**<br>• Moving safely into spaces<br>• Moving in a variety of ways<br>• Developing our pencil grip using 'nip, flip, grip.'<br>• Holding our paper as we write<br>• Forming letters as we learn them in phonics using our letter rhymes to help |

**Literacy**

Our topic this term is 'Once Upon a Time.' As we explore this topic, we will be developing our English skills to:

Nursery

- Listening to stories
- Joining in with repeated phrases in stories
- Learning favourite nursery rhymes
- Recognising my name
- Tuning into sounds around me, including instruments and using body percussion

Reception

- Daily phonics sessions, introducing each new sound and how we read and write it
- Fred Talk games (oral blending of words)
- Listening to longer stories and talking about the character and setting
- Making story maps

**Key Texts:**

- Hedgehog's Big Day
- What Makes Me Me
- Leafman
- Hedghug's Hide and Squeak
- We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- We're Going on a Leaf Hunt
- Funnybones

**Maths**

This half term we will be continuing to develop our number knowledge by focusing on:

Nursery

- Learning about patterns around me
- Sorting objects into groups
- Making collections
- Exploring and playing with shape
- Number rhymes and games
- Saying number names in order

Reception

- Matching and sorting objects
- Comparing amounts and size
- Comparing mass (heavier, lighter)
- Recognising numbers to 5
- Subitising to 5
- Recognising 2d shapes (triangles, circles, rectangles and squares.)

**Understanding the World**

People, Culture and Communities:

- My home and my family
- Finding out about how babies are welcome into different faith traditions
- Harvest time

The Natural World

- Observing Autumnal changes in our school grounds
- My body- body parts and exploring my senses

Past and Present

- Talking about special past events (when I was a baby, toddler, my holiday or birthday)

**Teacher's Notes & Weekly Timetable**

**Monday- Library Day (ensure library book is in your child's book bag)**
**Tuesday- Forest School (bring wellies and waterproofs in a named bag. Sun hat will be needed when appropriate)**
**Thursday- PE (come to school wearing PE kit- Reception only)**
**Friday- Swap school reading books (Reception only)**

**Homework- Reception**

- Weekly 'You and Me Challenge' sent in books each Friday. Please complete and return the following Friday

**Messages and Dates**

- Check Tapestry for observations of your child's learning and messages about upcoming events and reminders using the 'observations' and 'memos' sections
- Autumn Stay and Play- Date TBC
- Early Years Reading meeting (Reception only)- Date TBC