

What we are learning about in Nursery at Lakeside during Autumn term 2.

Our Autumn term big question is: “What makes me, me?” Last half term, we focussed on ourselves, our families, our emotions, likes and dislikes and our favourite stories.

This half term our focuses include: Celebrations (including Diwali, Bonfire night and Christmas), pets and other animals, similarities and differences, autumnal changes and our Christmas performance.



Literacy (comprehension focus, linked to topic):

Through our interactive story lessons, we will be discussing non-fiction texts, stories and other media.



We will learn about Diwali and bonfire safety. Cbeebies ‘Let’s Celebrate: Diwali’ will help us to understand how Hindu families celebrate the festival of light. We will link our discussions of

Diwali to other celebrations and compare the things that children in our nursery celebrate. We will decorate our own Diya lamp to take home.

We will be reading ‘Elmer’, linking to maths learning, talking about colours, patterns and shapes. We will also talk about being different and how Elmer is loved for being different and funny.

We will talk more in-depth about Autumn and understand the four seasons – Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. We will

Literacy (early phonics focus):

In Autumn 2, we will develop our listening skills, tuning into and discriminating between different sounds.

We will explore animal sounds and develop our understanding of different animals. We will listen to sounds in the environment and talk about what is making the different sounds. Our vocabulary will grow by naming the sounds we hear.

We will play and listen to musical instruments, making patterns with sounds and talking about how instruments make sounds – by hitting, tapping, shaking, etc.

We will start to discuss and describe the tempo (fast or slow) and volume (loud or quiet) of different sounds and make comparisons.

We will continue to develop our focussing attention; joining in with group activities with grown-ups and peers.

go on a local walk to Alvaston Park to find some Autumnal treasures, take photos and explore the outdoors. We will use our photos and treasures from our walk to create collage to remember and talk about our trip.

We will read the story of 'Dear Santa' and talk about the gifts sent in the story and why they were not right. We will talk about our own experiences of Christmas and link to the different things that our friends celebrate.

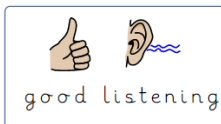
We will link our Christmas performance to our story telling and practise our performance for our grown-ups.

Communication and language:

Our vocabulary will build each week to reflect our topics. We will use the new vocabulary in our play and through our guided tasks; teachers will model new language in conversations.

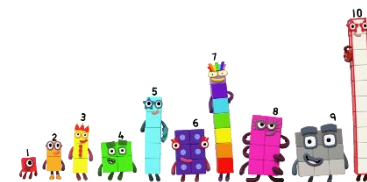
We will develop our listening skills when we are learning our performance songs.

We are working on using our words to share our ideas, ask for things and help others.



Maths:

We will continue to explore mathematical concepts using Numberblocks. We will build our understanding of amounts to 5. We will count amounts and match numbers to 5.



We link our maths learning to snack every day. We will talk about the shapes and colours of the snack, how many pieces of snack we have and whether we have enough or not too much snack.

Personal, social and emotional development:

Now that we are more settled into nursery, we will begin to become more independent. We will follow simple instructions and join in with the routines of the day.

We will talk about hand hygiene

We will further build our friendships and work together with our peers.



We will become more independent in dressing ourselves and putting on our own coats. We will continue to make friends and look out for our friends in nursery.

Physical development:

We are mastering our skills on the bikes and trikes outdoors.

We will develop more confidence when moving around outside and start to try new ways of moving as well as different equipment.

We will use our fine motor skills to manipulate dough and when exploring the light table, small world and construction materials.



Understanding the world:



We will explore, people, culture and communities when discussing different celebrations and traditions. We will explore Alvaston Park and experience the park in Autumn time.



We will discuss and explore the changing weather and talk about how we keep warm and well in the wintry months.

We will talk about the celebrations that we share with our families and learn more about our friends.

We will role-play our home experiences in the home corner.

Expressive arts and design:

We will become performers and take part in our Nursery Christmas performance!



We will practise songs, actions and dances, as well as storytelling skills. We will perform for our grown-ups, wearing costumes and acting out the story that we will know well.

We are becoming artists and getting more creative in our junk modelling, painting and using the creative resources. We are talking about the things we make and how we made them.

Experiences & events: (things to bring / remember)

- Elmer day - Friday 12th November (colourful or patterned clothes / clothes to express our differences).
- Walk to Alvaston Park - WB 15th November (Warm, wet weather clothes).
- Nursery performances - Thursday 9th December, Monday 13th December at 2.15pm
- Christmas party - WB 20th December (party food)
- Pantomime in school - WB 20th December (comfy clothes)