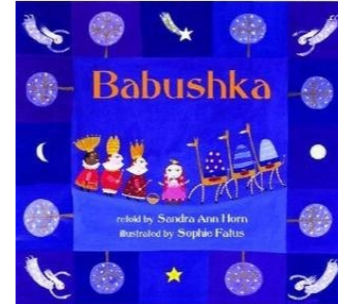
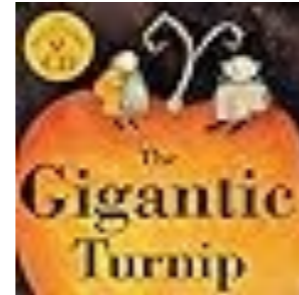
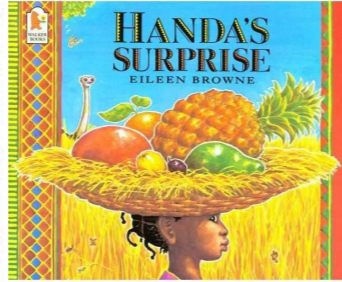
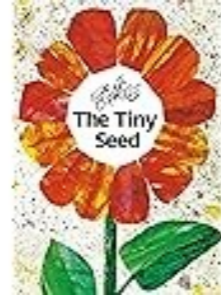
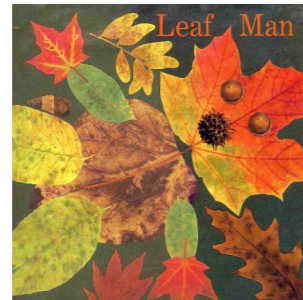


Autumn 2 in Early Years —

Our Focus Aspirations— Becoming storytellers and using rich and diverse vocabulary, Becoming gardeners and growing and picking our own vegetables, Becoming guardians of the planet, learning, loving and caring for nature

Key Texts:



Firstly, I'd like to say how brilliantly well your children have settled in to Oak Class and what a pleasure they are to teach! They are showing love and fellowship to each other and are making our class a very happy place to be! We spent last term getting to know each other and getting know the class and new routines as well as learning an amazing amount of letter sounds and practising our numbers. This term we'll continue to practise our sounds and learn new ones, including lots of exciting digraphs!

We will be making the most of our Welly Walks to notice and talk about the seasonal changes we can see and the children are already seeing the effects Autumn is having on the natural world around us. We've been having lots of cosy story times reading Leaf Man and then creating our own leaf creatures with the leaves we find. We've made action to help us remember the interesting words in The Tiny Seed, such as ocean, desert, breeze and mountain. We'll be getting stuck in to some digging and planting, beginning with an easy crop of cress! We are hoping to grow and harvest enough vegetables to eventually cook and enjoy a healthy soup!

At Home... If you can wrap up and get outside for some Autumnal walks, perhaps you can talk about the changes happening as Autumn takes over and maybe try to find Leaf creatures hiding in the piles of leaves as you explore! Enjoy lots of lovely story times together and talk about words you find interesting and want to know the meaning of. Also, you can encourage your child to talk to you about what they're eating, why it's healthy for their minds and bodies and how

PHONICS

We will be continuing on our Phonics journey and learning some new sounds. As always, we are very grateful for your support with encouraging the children to learn and use the sounds with their Bottletop Sound buttons each week. We will continue to regularly assess the children, so they can be supported based on the number of sounds they know, and their oral blending skills. They will be revisiting sounds to ensure they are secure, and then will extend their phonic knowledge, learning new sounds and how to apply them in reading and writing.

AT HOME: Continue to read 5 times a week with your child. Explore other stories they are interested in. Try to find time to share a bedtime story and talk about what you are reading. Encourage them to make their own versions of stories.

Ask for their help with writing in lots of different contexts, like shopping lists, menus for the week or things you spot whilst out walking. Remember—don't worry about correct spelling, they can use the sounds they know to write phonetically!

Maths

Subitising: Chn will explore subitising and the composition of quantities, beginning at 4 at the start of term and moving on to 5,6, and 7 as the term progresses.

2D Shapes: We will continue to find and describe the properties of circles, triangles and squares. Using the shapes to explore art works and create our own art.

Exploring pattern: Copy, continue and create own simple repeating patterns. Provide patterns with at least 3 full units of repeat.

AT HOME: Maybe you could create patterns with leaves and other natural treasures you find whilst out and about—lots of counting opportunities there too!

Other things to remember

As the weather gets colder please ensure your children's clothes are all clearly named. If they are unable to put gloves on independently, please help us out by providing them with mittens.

Your children continue to be a joy to have in class and it is amazing to see how much they are learning and blossoming—thank you, as always, for your continued help and support!

NATIVITY!! Rehearsals have begun and we're already loving the songs and actions - we'll be reading lots of versions of the Nativity story to help us understand the importance of the Nativity to those who have the Christian faith.