



Nursery Life

October 2025



What we've been up to this month...

Our topic this month, "Autumn and Woodland," has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore the magic of the changing seasons. They have enjoyed noticing how the world around them looks and feels different - from colourful leaves falling off the trees to the cooler, breezier weather.

Through nature exploring in the garden, sensory play, and creative activities, the children have developed their curiosity and understanding of the natural world.

We've explored textures and colours through leaf printing, created woodland animal crafts, and enjoyed sensory trays filled with, pinecones, and crunchy leaves. Woodland play has encouraged imaginative storytelling and new vocabulary, and outdoor adventures have given the children the chance to collect natural treasures to use in counting, sorting, and patternmaking.

What's happening next month...

In November, our new topic will be "Celebrations, Traditions, and Special Times."

We'll be exploring a variety of celebrations from around the world - learning how people come together to share food, music, and joy. The children will take part in themed crafts, stories, and sensory activities linked to different traditions and special occasions.

We'll be talking about the ways we celebrate with our families - from birthdays and weddings to community and cultural festivals. This is a lovely opportunity for children to share their own experiences and for us to learn from one another.

Activities we will do at nursery:

- Create celebration-themed crafts such as fireworks pictures and festive decorations.
- Explore light & colour with sensory trays, glitter play & glow sticks.
- Role play parties, birthdays, and festivals in our home corner.
- Enjoy stories and songs from a range of cultures.
- Practise kindness and sharing by talking about how we celebrate together.
- Explore early writing by making cards and invitations.
- Use counting and sorting activities linked to decorations, candles, and lights.





November's Preschool focus:

Next month, our pre-schoolers will focus on developing their understanding of the world through discussions about how and why people celebrate. We'll encourage children to share their own traditions and to listen respectfully to others. This supports their personal, social, and emotional development as well as their communication skills.

We'll also continue to build on early maths and literacy through themed play - counting candles and exploring shapes and patterns in decorations. Fine motor skills will be developed through activities like threading beads, wrapping "presents," and cutting out stars and snowflakes.

Some ideas to do at home:

- Attend a local firework night and talk about safety - [HERE](#)
- Create colourful bonfire play dough at home - [HERE](#)
- Talking about celebrations your family enjoys and sharing photos or stories with us.
- Reading stories about different festivals, like Diwali, Hanukkah, or Christmas.
- Making your own decorations or cards together.
- Counting candles or lights & talking about the colours you see.
- Baking a simple recipe to share with family or friends.
- Singing or dancing together to celebrate special moments.

We would love to see any photos of activities & experiences from home via the Interactive Learning Diary!

