



Foundation Curriculum Letter Autumn 2024

Hello Foundation families,

Welcome to the Foundation curriculum letter. Please have a look through the following pages to learn about what we will be getting up to during the Autumn term.

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Welcome to our new children and families



It has been amazing to see how well the children have settled into school life and have got used to the new routines. We are so proud of them all as even coming back to the unit after a long holiday can be hard. Our teaching team are Mrs Gifford and Mrs Hornsby and our teaching assistant is Mrs Richardson. We will be working very closely with the Nursery class in which the teacher is Mrs Peryer and teaching assistant is Mrs Tucker.

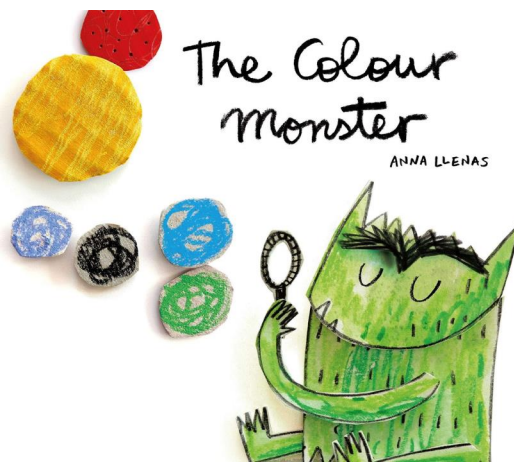
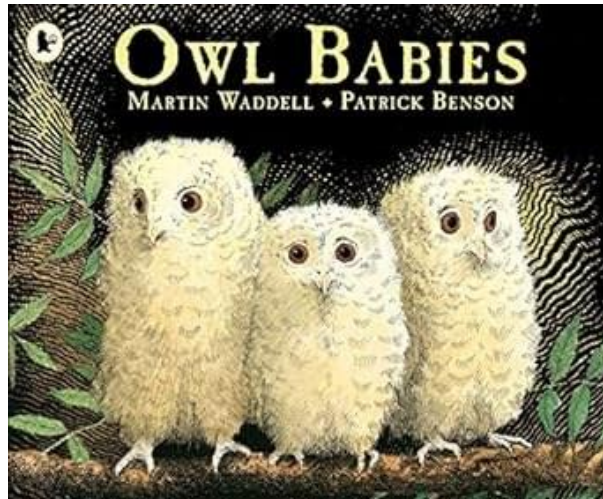
Topic



During the first half of the Autumn term, we will be focusing on our topic of 'Me and My World'. During this topic, we are hoping to illustrate to the children just how amazing they are and how we are all special in different ways. We will be exploring how we are special as individuals, as families and as a wider community. We are beginning the topic by exploring books such as 'What makes me a me?', 'Owl Babies', 'The Colour Monster', 'We're going on a bear hunt'.

Please keep checking Tapestry to see what exciting activities we get up to!

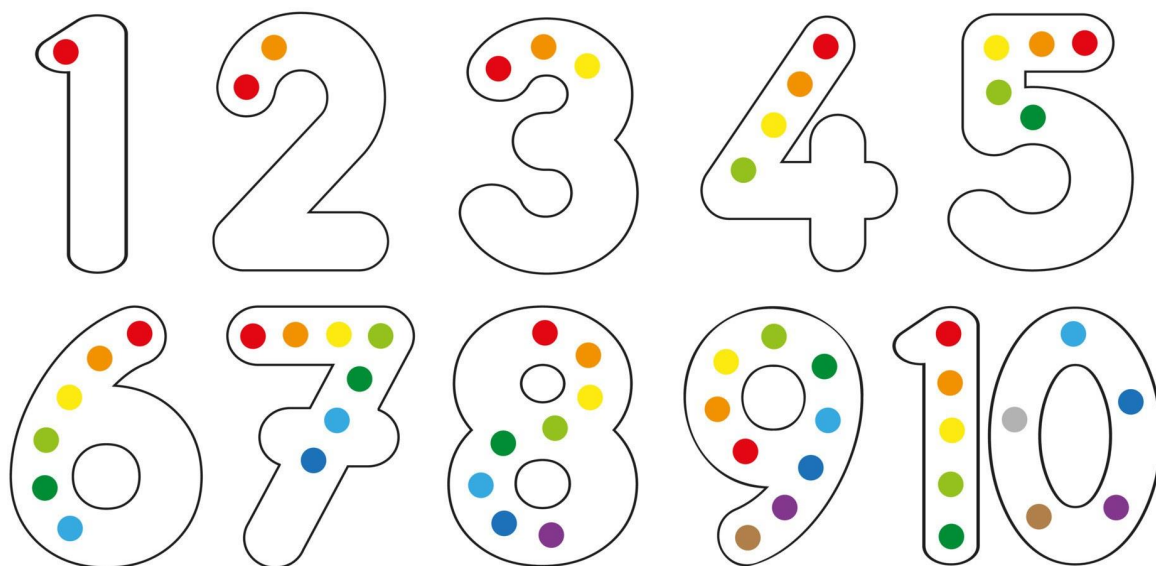
Later on in the term we move to 'My Heroes' and look at people who help us and then 'Standing Ovation' when we will begin to think about different types of celebrations, including Christmas! Please keep checking Tapestry to see what we are up to!



We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen • Helen Oxenbury



Maths



We will be beginning our learning in maths by exploring numbers up to 5. We will be considering all the different ways we can represent numbers up to 5 before moving on to numbers up to 10. We will also be focussing on our understanding of 2D shapes.

Read Write Inc



We have started our Read Write Inc. sessions in school. Please remember to come along on **Wednesday 25th September at 2.45pm** where we will be running a phonics workshop to help you understand how your child will be taught phonics and to take away the fear of helping your child at home to make those first steps into reading.

As we begin our journey into reading, there will be a variety of pictures sent home on Tapestry for you to look at together and discuss before children start bringing home books with short words in to practise reading. Look out for more information on this as we progress through the term!

We will begin visiting the school library very soon and children will be able to choose one story book to borrow and then return each week. Please make time to enjoy sharing these together. We can only allow one book to be loaned at a time so these will need to be returned before any others can be given out.

Home Learning



In Foundation, we very much work in partnership with you so love to see all the different things you get up to at home. The children love sharing photos and videos which have been uploaded onto Tapestry so please do share these and any wow moments you see at home. If you are struggling to get onto Tapestry, please come and see us.

Weekly, some home learning will be uploaded onto Tapestry but we would love the focus of any learning the children do at home to focus on broadening their experiences and opportunities, developing a love of reading and books, exploring the great outdoors and having fun! Children really do look at the world with the best outlook and know how to play and find awe and wonder in the world around them.

Reminders



Here are a few reminders for the Autumn Term -

- Wednesday and Friday are our PE days and also on Friday, we will be going outside or into the conservation area so please can you make sure that the children have waterproofs and wellies as we intend to take our learning outside in all weathers.
- Children need to bring a water bottle with them to school which should only be filled with water - we can refill this when needed throughout the day.

- Please send your child in with a coat every day - if you can provide wellies and waterproofs these are also very useful!
- Please provide a small bag with spare underwear/socks & trousers in case of any accidents!
- Please remember to *not bring any nuts into school* as part of a packed lunch.
- Please name all clothing (even shoes!).

...and lastly



Please do come and see us if you have an issue. You can catch one of us at the door, message on Tapestry or contact the school office if you have any worries. No question is a silly question!

The Early Years Team