

Chawson 1st School

Autumn 2 Topic Letter

Year 1

ENGLISH

What? Writing familiar stories. Reading, retelling and re-enacting the story of Owl Babies by Martin Waddell.

Describing autumnal scenes using our 5 senses.

Why? Your child will learn the structure of stories so that they will be able to write their own stories later on.

WOW! We will be using our senses in the outdoor environment and thinking of adjectives (describing words).

Help at home by:

- Talking about the beginning, middle and endings of stories you read at home.
- Going for a walk in the woods and using your senses to describe it using adjectives.



Our topic this half term is:

Autumn



MATHS

What? Counting up to 100 and exploring the structure of numbers.

Partition numbers to 10 and understand both the addition and subtraction facts.

Recognised 3D shapes and compare how they are similar and different.

Why? To begin to understand place value.

WOW! We will know how to partition numbers up to 10 and will be able to say the different addition and subtraction facts for these numbers.

Help at home by:

- Counting on and back from any number really quickly.
- Keep practising your "Learn Its"



Cross Curricular

What? Learning all about the seasonal changes which happen in autumn.

Why? To know about the seasonal changes in autumn so that we can understand the world around us better.

WOW! We will create autumn inside our classrooms and provide food and shelter for wildlife over winter in our outdoor areas.

Reading Books:

- Reading books will be changed on a **Monday** and **Thursday**.
- Remember to read EVERY day to be entered into the draw to win that £5 book voucher!
- The children will choose a home reading book of their choice to bring home on a Friday. The children can change it weekly.

Important dates:

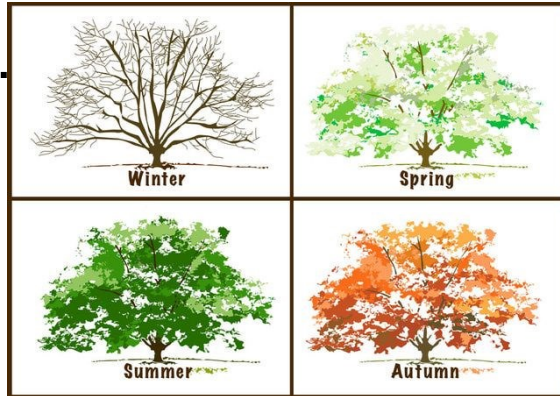
- Children in Need**– Friday 15th November. Dress bright and bring £1
- Year 1 Christmas performance**–Thursday 12th December at 2.15pm
- Year 1 Christmas performance**–Friday 13th December at 9.00am

Important dates:

- Christmas dinner day**– Date TBC
- Christmas fun day**– Thursday 19th December

What is Autumn?

Autumn is one of the four seasons. The autumn months are September, October and November.



What are the signs of autumn?

- Leaves start to turn different colours and fall off the trees.
- Weather gets colder.
- It gets darker earlier.
- You might find lots of acorns and conkers!

What is the weather like in autumn?

In autumn, the weather is normally a bit chilly and it gets colder in the evening and during the night. There is normally more rain in autumn than during the summer and it can also be foggy.

Key Vocabulary

- **Seasons**— four different times of year with different types of weather. The four seasons are spring, summer, autumn and winter.
- **Evergreen**— a plant that has leaves that stay green all year round.
- **Deciduous**— plants that lose their leaves, normally in autumn.
- **Nocturnal**— animals that are active during the night.
- **Hibernation**— when animals spend the winter sleeping.

What happens to animals in autumn?

Hedgehogs hibernate through autumn and winter.

Most wasps will die in autumn but the queen wasp will survive in the nest.

During autumn, squirrels collect lots of nuts and acorns. They hide them in the ground. During winter they stay in their nests and only come out to eat the food they have hidden.

