

This term in Nursery, your child will be participating in some exciting new learning. To get them ready for this and to support you in understanding some of what they will be learning at school, we have collated some ideas for you to enjoy together at home and out and about.

Topics we will be learning about:

- Exploring Autumn
- Sparkle and Shine (celebrations, birthdays, religious festivals, Christmas etc.)

Books we are sharing in school:

Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert

Owl Babies by Martin Waddell

The Jolly Christmas Postman by Janet and Allan Ahlberg

The Christmas Story

Non-fiction books about festivals

Books to read/listen to and share at home:

Squirrel's Busy Day by Lucy Barnard

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson

Little Acorn by Mealandie Joyce

The Christmas Story

Non-fiction books about festivals

Maths:

- Nursery rhymes with a focus of counting to 5:
 - ⇒ 5 speckled frogs
 - ⇒ 5 little ducks
 - ⇒ 1, 2, 3, 4, once I caught a fish alive
- Practising saying number names in order
- Exploring numbers 1, 2, 3—counting, clapping and matching numerals to objects
- Copying fingers to represent 1, 2, 3

Things to create for Dojo points:



- Make a 'Leaf man'
- Make a hedgehog picture out of leaves
- Make a Christmas list by cutting out (with adult support) from a catalogue and sticking
- Make a birthday cake out of playdough—how many candles?
- Bringing in a photo of you celebrating your special event and sharing it with the class.
- Practise singing the Christmas songs for the performance

Places to visit:

- Autumn nature walk in a park, woods or forest to look at how the season brings new changes and to explore natural objects.
- A postbox to send your Christmas list.

Websites to explore:

- Building, play and communication activities for 3 and 4 year olds— <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/3-to-4-year-old-child-development-activities>
 - Cbeebies—My First Festivals <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/my-first-festivals>
 - Shape patterns—<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/shape-patterns>
- Teddy Numbers 1—5 <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>
- Decorate the Christmas Tree—<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/christmas/decorate-tree>