



Brougham  
Primary School

# Early Years Newsletter

## Autumn 2

### Nursery



**This term our theme within the Early Years is The Deep Dark Wood  
In Nursery our topic is Who lives in a woodland?**

The intent within this topic is for children to learn about the animals that live in a woodland discovering animals and birds, their young, what they eat and where they live through visitors and key texts.

We will investigate who is awake in the woodlands at night.

Using our knowledge of woodlands, we will become nature detectives and investigate properties of natural materials and give nature a home in our garden through creating habitats and feeding stations to encourage wildlife into our setting.

We will learn more about birds through the RSPB and how we can feed them over the winter.

### **Ideas to support your child's learning through this topic:**

#### **Communication and Language**

- Talk to your child about what trees, plants and animals you can see in the park
- Visit woodlands such as Summer Hill and talk about what you can hear, see and smell

#### **Physical Development**

- Develop your child's self-care skills such as washing and drying their own hands and going to the toilet
- Encourage your child to put on their own coat, zip it up and put on own gloves

#### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

- Encourage your child to take turns with their toys playing simple turn taking games such as snap or simple board games
- Encourage your child to understand feelings they are having through naming them "I can see that you are feeling..."

#### **Literacy**

- Become a nature detective and create lists together of birds, animals and trees that you have seen
- Read lots of stories with your child or visit the central library for story time on Mondays at 10am and 1.30pm

#### **Maths**

- Talk about the shapes you can see on your way to school – "I can see a square window. Can you see one too?"
- Sing number rhymes with your child <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-counting-songs/zn67kmn>

#### **Understanding the World**

- Explore outside and how things change in Autumn -create leaf and bark rubbings using crayons, invite nature into your garden through making bird feeders

#### **Expressive Arts and Design**

- Make play dough together and create simple woodland creatures
- Paint pictures of birds that you have seen together

If you would like to know more about our planned learning and experiences, please visit our website [www.brougham-school.org.uk](http://www.brougham-school.org.uk), Twitter - [@BroughamPrimary](https://twitter.com/BroughamPrimary), [Marvellous Me](https://www.facebook.com/BroughamPrimary) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BroughamPrimary)

### **Reminders and Special Events**

Book Bags – every Friday. Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record this in your child's reading record so they can win a Golden Ticket.

Please don't forget to put your child's name in their clothing.

Please ensure that your child is dressed for the colder weather as we play outside in all weathers.

If you have not already, please bring wellies into school. Ensure your child have a change of shoes and both wellies have names in them.

### **Important Dates**

Term Dates – Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

PD Day – Monday 2nd December