



Seasons/Festivals



Pupils will learn

- Autumn
- Day/Night
- Lights
- Nocturnal Animals
- Winter
- Advent/Christmas

Overview

- Week 1: Discuss the time of year and changes we see around us in the world.
- Week 2: Talk about what makes us scared and how to keep safe around bonfires.
- Week 3: Investigate light sources and what they are for. How do different lights make us feel?
- Week 4: Talk about night time and identify which animals come out at night and why?
- Week 5: Talk about how we keep warm in Winter and the changes in weather that we may see. Eg snow and ice.
- Week 6: Christmas- discuss this special time of year and understand the meaning of Advent.
- Week 7: Writing wish lists and making cards to give to friends and family. Talking about the traditions of Christmas and how we celebrate it.

Home Learning Ideas

- Visit to a local park looking at Autumn Leaves.
- Collecting Autumn leaves/conkers for our nature table.
- Go for a walk in the woods with your wellies on.
- Colour mixing to create Autumn colours for an Autumn picture.

Other Ideas

- Visit a local library to look at books about nocturnal animals.
- CBeebies Autumn ideas.
- Collecting and counting conkers. Can you use them to make a pattern.

Books to read at home

- Percy the Park Keeper.
- Owl Babies
- Non- fiction books about nocturnal animals.
- Christmas stories

Inquiry Questions

- What happens to the leaves in Autumn?
- How can we keep safe when walking at night?
- How many different light sources can you name?
- Why do hedgehogs have Spiny prickles?
- What makes ice melt?
- How do people celebrate Christmas?

Further Information

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school everyday.

Please check that your child's uniform and PE kits are fully labelled.

Our mud kitchen will be open all year so please send your child with a named pair of wellies that they can leave in school. They will be unable to go in the mud kitchen without a pair of wellies.

Dates for Christmas plays and any costumes required will be given out nearer the time.

Key Vocabulary

[Word]	[Definition]	[Word]	[Definition]
Autumn	The season between summer and winter.	Nocturnal	Active at night
Season	Four main parts of the year.	Hedgehog	A small animal covered in prickles.
Day	The 24 hours between midnight and the next midnight.	Owl	A bird of prey with large eyes.
Night	The dark hours between sunset and sunrise,	Winter	The coldest season of the year.
Bonfire	An outdoor fire.	Celebration	To do something special at an important event.
Light	Not dark	Advent	The time just before Christmas.
Dark	Not light	Tradition	The passing down of beliefs or customs.
[Tier 2 Word]	[Definition]	[Tier 2 Word]	[Definition]
Edit	To make a change.	Trend	A general direction in which something is developing.

* Words in grey are Tier 2 (non-topic specific) vocabulary