

Butterfly Learning Focus Share – Autumn Term 3

Hello and welcome to another Learning Focus full of news about what the children have been learning! We have been learning about Winter and the changes in temperatures.

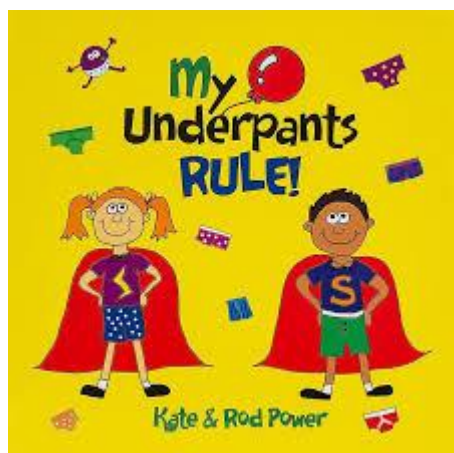
The children have delighted in the story of 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. We have re-told the story with the book as well as singing and using actions. It has been wonderful to hear some of the children play instruments whilst re-telling the story.



Lots of creative learning has taken place as the children made all things great and small using the playdough. We modelled language such as “big, small, bigger, smaller, tall, taller” and we talked through with the children’s words to describe how they were manipulating the playdough “push, pull, squeeze, squash and roll.”

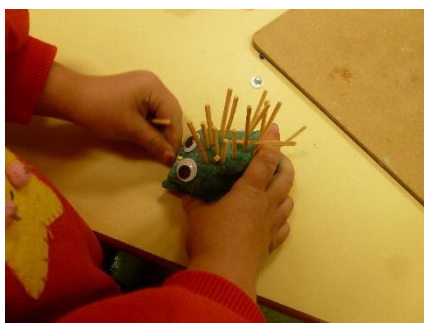


My Underpants Rule was one of the stories we have read to the children as it helps them to understand that everything covered by underwear should not be seen or touched by anyone. It is told in a way that appeals to children using humour and catchy rhymes and the children loved it. Talking to the children about feeling, safe, and unsafe is part of our protective behaviours and personal, social, and emotional development. Do have a look at our website for more information - <https://www.atherstonenurseryschool.com/protective-behaviours>.

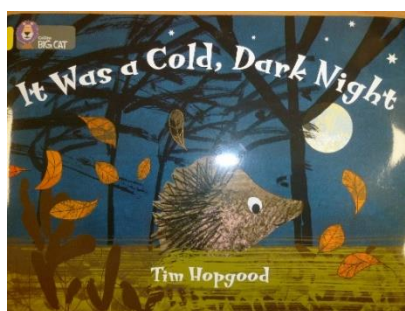


The Children have been offered a variety of Christmas themed activities that have encouraged their exploration and language. Polar animals have been discovered in the water tray along with different textured resources for exploration. It has encouraged lots of storytelling language and co-operative play.





We have read the story of 'It was a cold, Dark Night' by Tim Hopgood and the children were learning all about how animals hibernate. They manipulated the playdough using their fine motor skills, to make their very own Hedgehogs.



We have started visiting our Forest area this half term. The children were introduced to our 'Charlie Crow' puppet, who enjoys 'eating' blue 'ribbon worms.' The children searched the area, looking for the hidden ribbon worms, having to reach up high and under bushes. The children offered to help each other reach the higher ribbons, 'I can get that for you.' And then 'fed' them to Charlie Crow. They also counted how many each of them had managed to collect. The children then investigated the area, using the tall bamboo area as a 'jail' and looked under logs and leaves to find slugs and woodlice. The smaller bird toys were popular, with the children taking great care to find the toy birds a 'nest,' using sticks and leaves to create a safe 'home'. As part of the Forest School ethos, the children spent a length of time playing freely, investigating the water and leaves that had gathered in the trays. 'I'm making porridge for my Daddy.' 'It's very sticky.'



Children were using their imaginations to 'cook' at the mud kitchen, using pots, pans, soil and leaves to create different meals. Using their creative thinking and role playing what they experience at home, the children enjoy being the 'grownups,' looking after and serving their friends as their 'children.'



Thank you very much indeed for all the support you give your children in their learning journey with us. We have thoroughly enjoyed our first term with you all and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy 2025.