

# Night and Day

Week 11- 20<sup>th</sup> November

This week In Oak class:

## Maths

This week we are looking at 4 and 5. The children will explore finding different representations of 4 and 5. We will help the children to confidently say the number names 'one' to 'five'. Once they can do this, we will encourage them to match the verbal number names to numerals and quantities.

## Expressive Arts and Design

Story time this week will include 'Sharing a shell' and 'Owl babies'.

This half term, we will be looking at using different joining materials and using tools for a purpose- for example, using scissors to make small snips.

We will be reading the story 'Sharing a shell' to go with our kind hands theme. The children can role play the story using puppets and masks.

## Communication and Language

We are going to talk about how we can solve tricky social situations ourselves. This will support our work on kind hands so that the children know what to say and do if someone isn't being kind to them. This will include the words and vocabulary that they need to use as this may be something they are not familiar with.

We are working hard at sitting on the carpet during our phonics session and we are now introducing a Maths session- these are both very short sessions at the moment while the children get used to sitting.

## Personal, Social and Emotional development

Kind hands- this week we are talking about kind hands and what this means. The children will make their own hand to add to our class kindness display. We will talk about how we can be kind to each other.

We are playing games in small groups and focusing on the children getting to know each other and their names.

We are going to continue to look at our next Growth Mindset character- the resilient Hedgehog and talk about how we don't give up when things are tricky and we keep on going and trying our best.

## Phonics

We are now reviewing the single letter sounds and will recap two each day to help the children to learn and embed them.

We are making simple cvc words using magnetic letters and boards.

We are now starting to read simple cvc words by 'Fred talking' and then 'saying the sounds.'

You can watch the videos for the letter sounds on our school's virtual classroom on our website:

[https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics\\_and\\_early\\_reading/635274](https://www.loxwoodschool.com/web/phonics_and_early_reading/635274)

## Literacy

Those children who are ready are now practising writing the letter sounds in books as part of their phonic session.

Children who are now blending sounds and reading words are bringing home reading books to practise this skill with you. Please do not worry if your child doesn't have a book yet- it just means they aren't quite ready.

Drawing club- the children are enjoying this mark making club- this week, our inspiration will be 'Trapdoor' and we will be drawing or own monsters.

## Understanding of the world

We will be learning about nocturnal animals and their habitats. We will be learning about the nocturnal animals that live in our country and where we might find them in the wild.

The children have been enjoying the changing weather (wind and rain) and collecting natural objects to use in the mud kitchen. We will continue this over the next few weeks.

## Physical Development

Our PE day is now on WEDNESDAY because we have our weekly slot with Mr Green- we are going to start to change into our PE kits. Please encourage your child to change their clothes independently at home for practise.

We are encouraging those children who are ready, to hold a pencil and forming the letter sounds that we have been learning.

Funky fingers- those children who are not reading to hold a pencil are taking part in funky fingers activities which are activities designed to strengthen the fine motor control in their fingers to get them ready to hold a pencil.

It is a Woodlands learning week for us on Thursday.

