



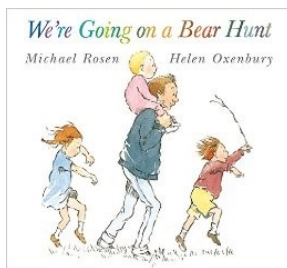
Nursery Curriculum News

November 2016

Core Books

In Nursery we have spent the first half of this term reading **We're Going on a Bear Hunt**. We will be moving on to **Elmer** and **Winnie the Witch**. Moving into December we will be looking at Christmas stories including **The Snowman** and **Little Robin Red Vest**.

The Nursery children will be performing a Christmas song in the Reception Nativity show.



Physical Development

Children will be continuing to develop their independence in dressing and hand washing/drying. We would really appreciate if this could be continued at home at every opportunity. We would also love to see the children walking to Nursery and ask for buggies to be left at home whenever possible.

On Mondays we are now going into the Reception and Key Stage 1 building to play games to develop the children's spatial awareness and their confidence moving around a space.

Literacy

We will be talking a lot about stories this half term and the children will be supported to answer simple questions about the books we are reading. There will be a big focus on retelling our core stories and the children will use props and images to support this. If you visit our school website you will see photographs of the children practicing **We're Going on a Bear Hunt** using sensory trays.

The children will also be learning to recognise their name and start to be able to distinguish between letter symbols. They will continue mark making and copying some of the letters from their name. We will do this in fun ways such as in sand, shaving foam, paint and mud.

We are beginning to play phase 1 phonics games. These include; listening to and distinguishing between sounds in their environment, playing instruments, and making sounds using their own bodies.



Communication and Language

We will be using the Core Books to encourage talk and to expand on the children's vocabulary and understanding. Children will start to talk about the stories we are focusing on and be encouraged to answer simple questions about what we are reading.

Children will be supported to develop talk in pretend play using our small world, our role-play area and the various toys and props that we have in Nursery.

Children will learn to understand and use simple prepositions.

We will be changing our role-play area into a Winter wonderland/cottage to fit with our core books in December.

Personal, Social and Emotional

Children will be supported in the classroom and shared indoor/outdoor spaces to develop relationships through play. Children will learn about and discuss their own feelings and become aware that their actions and words can affect other children's feelings.

Mathematics

Through links to **Elmer**, children will be exploring colours and shapes and will practice recreating simple patterns.

They will also be supported in their counting skills, learning to count groups of objects with greater accuracy.