

NEWS #2 – OCTOBER 2025: AUTUMN TERM

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WEEK	DATE	LEARNING & INTEREST FOCUS FOR STORIES, SONGS & ACTIVITIES			CELEBRATIONS / EVENTS
October		TOPIC: MY SENSES			
		CUBS	BEARS	SWANS	
1	30 – 3	Sensory play ...	Listening ...		
2	7 – 10	Explore, look, touch, listen, taste and smell	Touch, Taste & Smell, see colours, patterns		Grandparent Stay & Play
3	14 – 17		Autumn changes		Black History Day 15 th + Parent Meet #1
4	21 – 24				Diwali 22 nd
5	28 - 31	Focus Week: Child Interest and Target Led			Halloween 31 st

Grandparent Stay & Play – This event is linked to Grandparent Day and is during the week of **Tuesday 7th October**. Sessions are each morning from 8:45 am to 10:15 am. Grandparents will be invited to join the bears and swans at carpet time, play time and snack time. Sorry we do not extend the invitation to new children, as we have learnt from the past that this change of routine can be too unsettling. Don't forget to book via TEXT.

Parent Meetings #1: This is the first Parent Meeting with your child's key person. These meetings will be held during the week of 14 – 17 October. Your key person will contact you prior to the meeting to arrange a time. The meetings will be held via Facetime or Face to Face at nursery and will be an allocated 15 minute time slot.

What is the meeting about? This first meeting of the year is a "Getting to know you" meeting. It is a time for your key person to let you know how your child is settling into their new group and talk about some of their wow moments, strengths and to chat about their next steps for learning.

TOPIC – MY SENSES: What your child will be learning at nursery this month And also a few suggestions of how you can extend and support their learning at home ...

What all the children will be thinking about and learning ...	Home learning for the cubs ...	Home learning for the bears ...	Home learning for the swans ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Which parts of our bodies help us listen, taste, see, smell and feel. Differences we can spot using our senses. Using new language around texture, soft, hard, crunchy, squishy, bumpy, furry etc. Trying new sensory activities, including tasting different foods. Identifying the colour of objects in the world around us. Looking for and talking about changes we notice outside as Autumn progresses. 	<p>Introduce Nursery phrases and signs at home:</p> <div> <div>  <p>"listen"</p> </div> <div>  <p>"look"</p> </div> </div> <div> <p>Cup your hand at your ear and pause to listen carefully.</p> <p>Move 2 fingers from your eyes to where you want them to look</p> </div> <p>Encouraging your child to cue into these phrases will help to develop their attention skills in the busy world around them and engage in different activities too.</p>	<p>Take time to stop and listen to the sounds around you together. This might be in the house, whilst walking outside or in the quiet before bedtime. Identify noises you hear and encourage your child to stand still and listen for them too, developing their concentration skills. (use signs to support listening)</p> <p>Spot and label colours that you can see, introduce the phrase "I see green, can you see green" pointing to the object you see, labelling them as you go "a green apple" "a green ball" etc. Change the colour and start again or follow your child's lead what colours will they see? Or maybe try a game of "I spy with my little eye something that is red"</p>	<p>Introduce the phrase "turn on your listening ears" at important times within your day to encourage them to listen carefully to instructions as well as the sounds around them in play, developing their concentration and attention skills.</p> <p>Try a new food as a family encouraging everyone to get involved by touching, smelling and tasting, does everyone like the same new foods? Getting your Swan involved in the selection and preparation of new foods will often encourage them to try them too. Praise their efforts and involvement and don't worry if they don't try it, simply say "maybe next time".</p>