

Co-op Academy Medlock

Nursery 1 Topic Overview: Autumn 2

Do What Matters Most

Be Yourself, Always

Show You Care

Succeed Together

Celebrations

This half term we are exploring the very exciting topic 'Celebrations'! We will be learning about festivals and celebrations such as 'Halloween', 'Bonfire Night', 'Diwali' and 'Christmas'. We will also be learning about 'Autumn' and all the changes it brings. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities in store!

Long term plan link: [Co-op Academy Medlock Nursery 1 Long term plan .docx](#)

NC curriculum overview: [Medlock - EYFS Curriculum Overview of NC subjects 25-26.docx](#)

Communication and Language:

We will be sharing daily stories around our topic 'Celebrations' in Nursery 1 to develop children's language and experiences. All children will take part in a language assessment called Wellcomm this half term to identify if they need any further support with their speech and language. The results of these screeners will be communicated by your child's key worker if they need further support.

Some objectives we will focus on with the children are listed below:

- I am starting to take turns and listening to others.
- I am joining in with familiar songs and stories.
- I listen to stories or songs I am interested in.
- I show others I am listening by looking at them when they are talking.
- I am beginning to ask and answer simple questions such as 'Who, what and where' questions.

Physical Development:

Children will continue taking part in weekly PE sessions at Nursery. Our theme this half term is Fairy Tales. We continue to develop our throwing, kicking and movement skills (our gross motor skills) during these sessions. We also develop our gross motor skills in the classroom on our bikes and scooters and by climbing and moving in different ways.

We will also start our 'Squiggle' sessions this half term which is a programme which helps develop children's gross and fine motor skills to ready them for writing.

Some objectives we will focus on with the children are listed below:

- I am beginning to use my body with control for activities such as pouring, mark making and hammering.

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

Now the children are more settled in their new classroom we can focus on developing independence through familiar routines. We also continue to model developing good relationships with other children by talking about how we can be 'good friends' in school.

Some objectives we will focus on with the children are listed below:

- I am beginning to say what I like and do not like and try new things at school.
- I feel confident to explore new places at school e.g. the school field or school hall.
- I am playing happily at school and happily play with other children.

Key experiences:

- Autumn walk
- Leaf printing
- Story in the school library
- Decorating Christmas trees

Songs and Rhymes:

Criss Cross

It's Raining, it's pouring

Parental engagement:

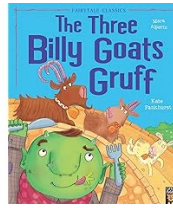
- [Parent workshop](#): The Importance of reading at home.
- Parents' evening. Dates TBA.

Literacy:

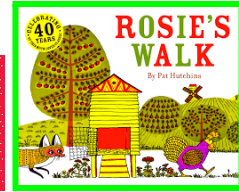
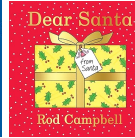
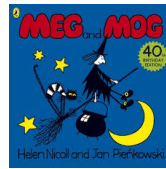
- We will ensure that children have multiple opportunities each day to listen to stories. Our books will be focused around 'Celebrations' and 'Autumn' but will also provide opportunities for the children to listen to some of their favourite and familiar stories.
- We will also provide lots of opportunities for mark making in different ways; through chalk, paint, pens and pencils, water and sand.

Stories: [EYFS Text led literacy Co-op Medlock -Co-op 2025](#)

Focus text



Other texts:



Maths:

- We will focus on counting in order to 3 and will be providing lots of opportunities to count small groups up to 3.
- We will sing lots of songs and rhymes that help develop an understanding of the number system.
- Some of the songs we will share will be '1,2,3,4,5,, 5 little ducks/frogs and Alice the Camel'.

Other wider curriculum activities:

- Exploring different parts of the school such as the school library
- Parties and celebrations linked to different festivals.
- Local environment trips and walks.

Parent Information:

Welcome back to the Autumn 2 half term! We hope you and your family enjoyed a restful break and are ready for an exciting season ahead.

As we dive into this half term, we are thrilled to announce that we will be holding Parents' Evenings, providing an excellent opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers and discuss their progress and achievements. Your involvement is invaluable, and we encourage you to take part in these important conversations.

Additionally, we are excited to invite our children to some of our Winter Celebration events, such as Christmas jumper Day and Christmas lunch. These gatherings will be a wonderful chance for our school community to come together, celebrate our students' hard work, and enjoy festive activities. More details will follow soon, so please keep an eye on our communications.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to a productive and joyful half term filled with learning and celebration.