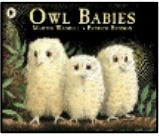
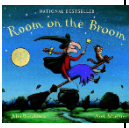


Nursery Half Term Overview – Autumn 1 2026

Area of Learning	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7 and 8
Possible Themes & Core Texts	One Fox by Kate Read  Supplementary text 'You Choose' by Pippa Goodhart	Ten in the Bed by Penny Dale  Supplementary texts Faces- non-fiction book Enormous Crocodile By Roald Dahl	The Gingerbread Man by Lesley Sims  Supplementary text Bad mood bear	The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas  Supplementary text 'Biscuit Bear'	Owl Babies by Martin Waddell  Supplementary text 'Home'	The Gigantic Turnip by Aleksei Tolsky  Supplementary text 'Not a Stick'	A Dark Dark Tale by Ruth Brown   Room on the Broom Meg and Mog
Visits & WOW Experiences	Getting to know You		Bake Gingerbread		Thurs 2nd Poetry Day		Little lanterns Diwali Tues 21 st Oct
Celebrations		Roald Dahl Day Sat 13th			Oct -Black history Month	Harvest/ storytellers	Diwali/Halloween/ storytellers weds 10am
Role Play Area	Coffee Shop inside	Coffee Shop inside	Coffee Shop inside	Coffee Shop inside	Coffee Shop inside	Coffee Shop inside	Coffee Shop inside
CLA	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: 10 in the bed	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: Gonna Build a house	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: I have a Body	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: 1 Finger-1 Thumb	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: Clap your Hands	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: There's a great Big Turnip	Core Nursery Rhymes and Songs: 5 Green Bottles
PSED	Settling in –separation support Focus on routines –tidy up time etc	I understand how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different	I understand how feeling happy and sad can be expressed	I can work together and consider other people's feelings	I can use gentle hands and understand that it is good to be kind to people	I am starting to understand children's rights and this means we should all be allowed to learn and play	I am learning what being responsible means
	Introduce rules and routines- tidy up- walking indoors- Getting to know new children and staff-turn taking- identify the different emotions in the Colour Monster story.						
PD	Gross Motor: balance on stilts, ride bikes, balance on planks and crates, catch and throw a large ball						
	Fine Motor: Threading jigsaws	Fine Motor: Puzzles playdough	Fine Motor: Mark making Construction with manipulatives ie mobilo	Fine Motor: Playdough squeeze/roll/ poke etc	Fine Motor: Playdough skills	Fine Motor: Mark making on whiteboards	Fine Motor: Playdough skills

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Literacy	Share books from Reading area. Mark make for name (ongoing)	Introduce non-fiction book Features/Roald Dahl Day	Retell Traditional story using props Paper Dolls book marks	Sounds Aloud selected Poem Naughty bus -	'Home' book discussion Poem, 'On the Move again' M. Rosen	Enormous Turnip/Not a Stick	Talk about how a story can make us feel/ pictures for clues
Maths	<i>10 in the bed –counting back</i> <i>Exploration of Maths language through books</i>	<i>Puzzles –spatial reasoning</i>	<i>Mapping our world</i>	Making maps/journeys Numicon door numbers	Counting in sequence	Directional language/ find pairs	<i>5 green Bottles – estimate and check- pumpkins counting down</i>
EAD	Art – painting and general cutting and sticking Music – tap claves	Art – Look in mirror to create self-portrait-mix skin tone colours (photo child)	Art – Gingerbread Man Paper dolls Music - 'Princess Long Ago'	Art – Use toy cars to paint tyre tracks/rolling prints poem	Art – Observational sketches of Autumn finds/leaf prints Black History artwork	Art – Autumn pictures/ colours red/brown/yellow Music – Harvest songs	Art – Skeletons/apple prints/ magic potions
UW	Small world house -talk about which room has fridge etc	Families- use small world people to elicit talk Family photographs to talk about- Interested in photographs of myself and my family.	Bake Gingerbread Weigh ingredients	Interested in other children in nursery Build a House book – what do you need Cross-curricular- Make maps of our journey to school	Caring for babies –bath dolls Autumn Discussions Using leaves etc Black History Month	Bake bread rolls Autumn changes/seasons	Talk about Celebrating Diwali Pumpkin exploration Make potions