

Welcome to Little Waltham C.E.V.A. Primary School. This half term our topic is **'Bears'**; next half term our topic will be **'Let's Celebrate'**! Below is an overview of the areas we shall be exploring this term.

Personal Social Emotional Development

An important part of the first half term is to help the children learn the school routine; this helps them to feel more secure in their new environment. They will be learning to become confident in the school environment whilst learning the rules and expectations. The children will develop their independence skills. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to get to know each other and to develop new friendships. As part of the children's home learning during the term they will be asked to bring in a picture of a Teddy Bear that is special to them as a stimulus for activities in class.



Literacy; Communication and Language

The children will listen to and discuss a range of new and exciting 'Bear' themed stories. The children will learn to listen appropriately and communicate their needs and opinions. The children will have lots of opportunities for mark making with a variety of media (e.g. crayons, paint and chalk). They will also role-play and sequence familiar stories including Goldilocks and the three Bears. We will begin our daily Little Wandle phonics sessions, these sessions will focus on the children becoming attuned to the sounds around them in order to prepare them to develop the skill of oral segmenting and blending (e.g. s-a-t = sat, p-i-n = pin).



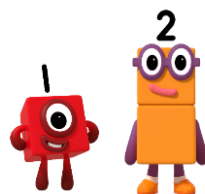
What you can do to help:

Reading with your child is vital! Tips for helping your child to enjoy books:

- ✓ Visit the library.
- ✓ Schedule a regular time for reading - perhaps when you get home from school or just before bed.
- ✓ Look for books on topics that you know your child is interested in - maybe dragons, dinosaurs, fairies or animals.

Mathematics

The children will build on previous experiences of number from their home and nursery environments, and further develop their subitising and counting skills. They will explore the composition of numbers within 5. They will begin to compare sets of objects and use the language of comparison.



Ash Class – Reception



**Curriculum Overview
Autumn Term 2023**

Physical Development

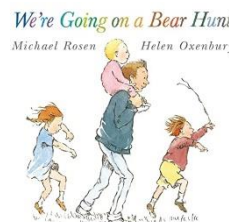
Fine Motor Skills - Children will be refining their manipulative skills through a range of activities including threading, cutting, handwriting (using correct pencil grip), colouring etc.
Gross Motor Skills - During P.E. sessions and in the outside area the children will develop their spatial and body awareness.

Understanding the World

The children will use descriptive language to describe different Bears. They also look at how Bears grow and develop. The children will also look at how they themselves have grown and changed since birth. The children will have the opportunity to bring in photographs of when they were younger to make a pictorial timeline.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have many chances to be creative through a range of craft, music and dance activities. They will explore mixing colours to paint different types of Bears. They will be taught a repertoire of new and traditional songs and rhymes. Some of the songs will be linked to our topic, e.g. We're going on a Bear Hunt, Under Teddy's Jumper and Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear.



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What is our vision and values?
Why am I special? Who is special to me?
What makes our school special? (Our Church School)
Which stories are special and why? (Old Testament)
Why do Christians perform Nativity Plays at Christmas?

Special events and activities

Meet the Teacher – Friday 29th September
Teddy Bears Picnic – Friday 29th September



Useful links

Free eBooks Library (Oxford Owls) – <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/reading-owl/library-page>

cBeebies – Alphablocks – <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks>

Foundation Stage Counting – <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

Ash Class Timetable

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		PE
Thursday		
Friday	PE	Weekly News sent home via Tapestry