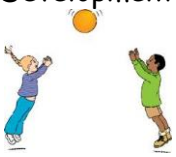






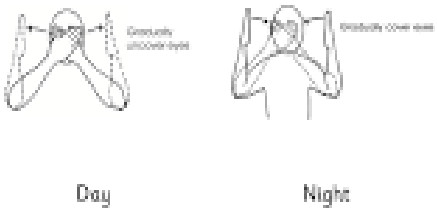
Pre-School Newsletter – Monday 16th November 2026

This week we will be intruding our smaller groups during carpet times – the owls and the badgers – so we will be exploring the theme of nocturnal animals!

Communication Language and Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Physical Development	Expressive Arts and Design	Personal, Social and Emotional Development
					
To listen to a variety of themed stories such as '10,9,8, owls up late', 'Handa's noisy night' and 'The only way is badger'' Introducing 'drawiing club' to the children, listening to Owl babies then encouraging them to draw/mark make with their own ideas from the book.	Focus on the number of the week – number 5. Practice counting to 5 counting objects to 5 recognizing number 5 and showing 5 fingers. Down and around then put on a hat Number 5 looks just like that! Practising drawing the number 5.	Finding out about nocturnal animals - which animals come out at night, how they have adapted to living in the dark etc	Fine motor skills challenges : Hedgehog poke – sticking spaghetti spines in playdough creatures Practising animal movements through a woodland trail - slinking like a fox, swooping like a bat	Using chalks, pastels, paints and collage to make our own nocturnal animals Make loose parts night time pictures 	We will be looking at stories about friendship such as 'The Only way is Badger' and talk about being inclusive in our play.

KEY WORDS THIS WEEK: **owls, badgers, nocturnal, awake, asleep, night time, day time**

SIGN OF THE WEEK: day/night



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NUMBER OF THE WEEK: 5



Down and around then put on a hat, number five looks just like that!



TAPESTRY CHALLENGE

Animals with smaller eyes, such as bats and hedgehogs, rely on sharp hearing and touch instead of sight.

- Clap and locate.
- Mystery feely-bags.

Please make sure you upload any pictures of activities that you do at home as we show the children during snack time. It helps with their confidence and oracy skills.