



Autumn 2021 – Oak Room Newsletter



September 2021

We would like to start by welcoming you all back to an exciting and new chapter in Oak Room. Whether your child is starting with us for the first time or returning from your summer at home or in Evergreen's wraparound care; we appreciate that new beginnings, can sometimes feel a little daunting. We would therefore like to reassure you that as a team, all of us at Evergreen are here to support both you and your child in whatever capacity we can.

Within our setting, we follow the Curiosity Approach which means we place your child at the centre of their own development and learning. We achieve this by creating a Hygge style environment where your child can explore their own natural curiosities. We also provide wonderful opportunities to support and encourage your child's speaking and listening skills through inspiring role-play experiences. This term we will introduce 'Oak Room Cafe' where your child's play will be enriched through the provision of authentic items and natural loose parts.

Oak Room Lead

Miss Williams

Early Years Practitioners

Miss Reynolds (PPA cover)

Miss Tasker

Literacy

This term our topic is 'Into The Woods' we will look at a range of related books such as: Owl Babies, Leaf Man and Pumpkin Soup. The children will have a go at retelling some of the stories, as well as looking at other non-fiction books to broaden their growing vocabularies. We will offer a wide range of mark making opportunities to encourage and support your child's early writing skills. We will continue to explore Phase 1 Phonics, and will support your child in developing a greater understanding of the initial sounds they can hear in both their own names and in CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words.



Mealtimes

At Evergreen we are very fortunate to have our own lovely Cook, Mrs Mills. Mrs Mills prepares a nutritious morning and afternoon snack for every child, as well as a delicious hot dinner for those who stay for lunch.

We would however, advise that you check our menu to see if the food provided is something that your child will be happy to eat before sending in an alternative snack or packed lunch. The menu is available to view at: [Evergreen Autumn Term 2021 Menu \(abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk\)](https://www.abbotsgreenacademy.co.uk/evergreen-autumn-term-2021-menu)



Polite Reminders

We kindly ask that no toys are brought in from home as it can be upsetting for children if anything becomes lost or broken. We do however, understand that some children need a comforter, which can safely be stored in your child's bag.

We also politely ask, that unless otherwise agreed, could you please ensure, that your child's water bottle only contains water.



Outside Learning

Oak room children love to embrace their rich outdoor learning environment. We embrace outdoor play at every opportunity and spend lots of time exploring our imaginations. We love puddle jumping, hunting for 'bugs', constructing spaceships and creating 'mud concoctions' in our digging area. It is likely to be messy though, so please ensure your child has named wellies at nursery as well as appropriate clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.



Rainbow Challenges

Based on our Rainbow Values which we proudly share across the nursery, here are our Rainbow Challenges that your child may like to try at home this term:

Imagination – Can you use some natural objects in your games? Using your imagination, you can turn them into anything that you want them to be!

Wonder – Go on an Autumn walk and discover the changes that take place as the Summer ends. I wonder if you'll find that something crispy or discover something new?

New Experiences – Try a new food that you have may never have tried before.



Maths

Each Friday, we will choose a child to bring home our Maths Monkey 'Marco' for the weekend. Marco will join you with his bag full of maths activities and his adventure book. We encourage you to share your experience by writing a few words or sharing a picture of where M has been. We hope that you and your child have fun exploring this activity together and look forward to reading all about it.



Autumn Term Key Dates

PD Day (Oak Room is closed)
22nd October 2021

Half Term
Week beginning: 25th-29th October 2021

End of Term
Friday 17th December 2021

School is closed from Monday 20th – 31st December 2021 for Christmas

Bank Holiday
Monday 3rd January 2022

PD Day (Oak room is closed)
Tuesday 4th January 2022



Wow Moments

We love to hear about your child's wow moments and believe that these special achievements can happen at any time in any place and anywhere. Whatever the moment we invite you to share it with us. Please select a leaf from the basket in reception beside our 'Wow Tree'. Write your child's first name on the leaf and in a few short words describe your child's achievement. We love to share these moments together in class.