

Half-Term Activities for Oak 2

Fine motor skills help children with writing, dressing, using cutlery, and creative play, this makes them more independent and curious learners, try some of the following activities over half term:

Everyday Independence

- Zip and Button Challenge – Practise zipping coats, buttoning shirts, or fastening shoes.
- Snack Helpers – Let your child pour milk, spread butter, or cut soft fruit.
- Sock Sorting – Match and roll pairs – great for hand and finger strength!
- Laundry Peg Game – Clip pegs onto a basket, line, or cardboard edge.

Creative Fingers

- Drawing & Colouring – Encourage pencil control by tracing shapes or drawing their name.
 - Cutting Station – Snip along lines or cut out pictures from magazines.
- Playdough Models – Roll sausages, squeeze, pinch, and flatten shapes or letters.
 - Threading Fun – Thread beads, buttons, or pasta onto string or pipe cleaners.

Kitchen Challenges

- Stir, Pour, and Mix – Help stir ingredients or pour from one container to another.
- Peel and Prepare – Peel fruit, tear lettuce, or make simple snacks together.
- Cooking Creations – Use a blunt knife to chop soft foods or make fruit kebabs.

Outdoor Play

- Stick & String Weaving – Wrap wool around twigs or fences.
- Squeezy Fun – Use spray bottles, pipettes, or watering cans for squeezing and pouring.
- Construction Zone – Build towers with blocks, pebbles, or boxes — steady hands needed!
 - Target Games – Throw beanbags or balls into buckets for hand-eye coordination.

Top Tips

- Offer small, short challenges — 5–10 minutes a day builds great skills.
- Encourage your child to use both hands together.
- Praise effort and perseverance!
- Let your child try first before helping — it builds independence.

Fine motor fun builds strong, ready hands for writing, cutting, and self-care!

Have a lovely half term, kind regards Mrs Prosser

Autumn 2 in Oak 2

Forest school

Next half term, Oak 2 children will take part in Forest School every Friday.

Please send your child to school:

- **Dressed in warm clothes, including a waterproof warm coat, that you don't mind getting muddy or dirty.**
- **Wearing a named pair of wellies.**
- **With a pair of spare shoes to change into after Forest School.**

It's also a good idea to pack a spare set of clothes in case your child gets wet or very muddy.

Thank you for helping us get ready for our outdoor adventures!

Junk Modelling Supplies Needed!

Our Reception children love getting creative — and we're running low on materials for our junk modelling area!

We'd really appreciate any clean, recycled items you can send in, such as:

- Small cardboard boxes (e.g. cereal or tissue boxes)
- Plastic bottles and lids
- Kitchen roll tubes (no toilet rolls, please)
- Yogurt pots or tubs
- Foil trays or bottle tops

Please make sure everything is clean and safe to use.

Thank you for helping us keep our little makers inspired and creative!

Key dates:

Monday 3rd November INSET DAY

Friday 7th November Individual School Photographs

Friday 14th November Children in Need day- wear spots

w/c 17th November- road safety week

2nd- 11th December - scholastic book fair

17th-18th December- EYFS Christmas sing and share- more details to follow

19th December- end of term