

### Physical Development

The children will be talking about how to play safely with sticks when we come up with our 'Stick Reminders'. They will be constructing structures with sticks using the items from our 'stick adventure bag'. There will be lots of opportunities for children to develop their fine motor skills including clay work and mark-making with sticks. We will continue to encourage the children to be independent in their self-care, for example, by getting them to put their own coats on or change into wellies by themselves.



### Communication and Language

During R-Time and other carpet sessions, the children will be getting better at listening to others. We will start the theme with a 'deconstructed role-play area' that will encourage the children to use their imagination and language skills to turn objects such as boxes, crates, tubes and fabric into exciting and child-led role-play scenarios. Children will also be challenged to think of words to describe different sticks.



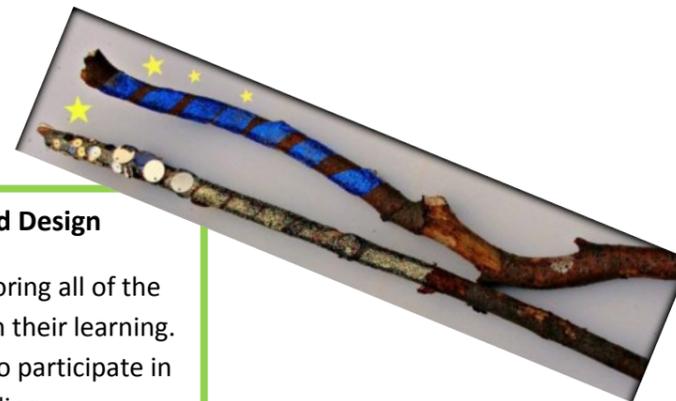
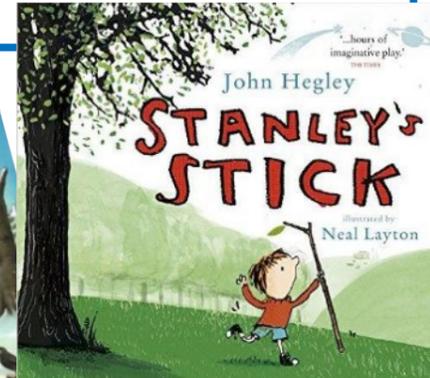
### Literacy

In Literacy the children will be reading lots of stories and poems about sticks. We will continue to work on 'Phase 1' of 'Letters and Sounds' while also introducing new sounds to the children through a range of games and activities including the 'Jolly Phonics' songs.

### Understanding the World

As our theme is based around sticks, the children will be using lots of natural objects in their learning such as stones, feathers, clay etc. We will discuss growth and changes over time. We will talk about the importance of recycling and showing care and concern for the environment. In the run up to our Christmas performance we will be learning about Christmas traditions.

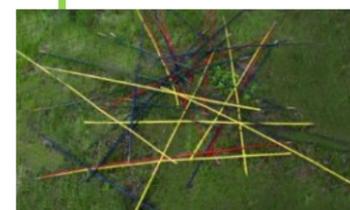
# Our new CLJ Theme is: Fan-ta-stick



### Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be exploring all of the ways they can use sticks in their learning. They will get the chance to participate in activities including:

- Adventure sticks
- Magic sticks
- Creative sticks
- Stick games
- Sunny sticks
- Musical sticks
- Watery sticks.



### Mathematics

We will use sticks to support the children's learning in Mathematics. We will be measuring, comparing and ordering the length of sticks. We will also be counting sticks and finding one more/one less with sticks. The children will get better at recognising numbers and shapes through different games and activities.

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will keep discussing the 3 Golden Reminders this half term. The children will be encouraged to become more independent when choosing resources and activities at Nursery. We will create our own 'feeling sticks' that will help us to explore our feelings and the feelings of others.

