



Down in the Swamp...

In Year 1 this half term our theme is called 'Down in the Swamp...' The theme is based around a text called 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis. We will also have a focus on using our senses and continue to look at seasonal changes and weather patterns.

We would love for you to get involved over the next few weeks with your child at home too, so here are some ideas for you to choose from or maybe explore some ideas of your own.

- Go on an Autumnal walk and take pictures of what you see in your local area, you could upload these on Seesaw.
- Collect some different Autumn objects and use them to make a collage or picture
- Go on a senses scavenger hunt and record what you find e.g. something rough, something soft, something blue
- Create a home for the 'Bog Baby'
- Create your own 'creature' that could be found in a bog, or garden, park, or woodland area. Draw or paint your 'creature'
- Describe your 'creature'. What does it like to eat? What does it like to do? What does it look like?
- Write your own story about your 'creature'
- Read or listen to some other stories written by Jeanne Willis
- Keep a weather diary for a week



Useful Links:

Watch the author Jeanne Willis read the story of The Bog Baby:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44Ds1r7PP00>

<https://www.jeannewillis.com>

What are senses? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z9yycdm/articles/zxy987h>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/how-autumn-weather-affects-the-behaviour-of-british-animals-and-plants/z6h6nrd>