

Nursery Newsletter

November 2015

Winter is snow much fun!

This week the children have been learning all about Winter. They have been very busy making snowflakes and snowmen for our winter themed displays.

Healthy Eating

Please try to avoid sending the children to nursery with sweets and other snacks. We have a healthy eating policy and we will always provide the children with a midmorning snack of fruit and milk or water to drink.



Routines

The nursery gate will be locked every day at 11.35 am. This allows staff enough time to prepare the nursery for the children who attend in the afternoon. If, in an emergency, you are late; your child will be looked after at the office until you arrive.

Parental Engagement

Please come along to our parental engagement sessions on Tuesday 1st November a.m. 10.30-11.15 and p.m. 2.30- 3.15. These sessions are an opportunity for you to learn with your child on a one to one basis so for this reason we ask that you keep children younger than school age at home.



What have the children been learning?

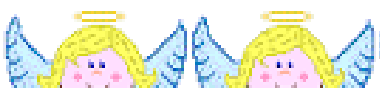
As the children have taken such an interest in the seasonal changes in the environment, we have been learning all about winter. We hope that you have all seen our magical snowflakes hanging in nursery. The children tried really hard to use the scissors independently to make them.

Nursery Nativity Play

'Away In A Manger'

Monday 7th December – 2.15pm

Tuesday 8th December – 10.30am



What can I do to help my child at home?

Talk to your child about the first letter in their name and draw their attention to it whenever you see it written in books, newspapers, posters and anywhere it can be seen in the environment. Find lots of opportunities for counting; it doesn't matter what: toy cars, buttons, sweets, whatever you can find. See if your child can categorize the objects into sets and talk about which set has more and which set has less.

Literacy

We will be looking at different stories that tell us all about the different festivals and celebrations we will be looking at, such as 'Lighting A Lamp – A Diwali Story', 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' and a range of other stories and poems.

We will be encouraging the children to mark make and write for lots of different purposes including sky writing using fireworks they have made, Christmas lists, Christmas cards, letter to Santa and lots more.

Understanding the World

We will be talking to the children about the different festivals and supporting the children to begin to understand that people can be different to themselves and have different beliefs and traditions.

We will be exploring light and dark in science, playing with torches and light boxes and making shadow puppets.

Communication and Language

We will support the children to develop their vocabulary and descriptive skills, to talk about how they celebrate different festivals at home.

We will be encouraging the children to begin using more complex sentences when they speak.

Nursery Curriculum Map

Festivals and Lights



This half term is a very exciting one, with lots of special occasions to enjoy and celebrate! We will be focusing on celebrating festivals such as Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas and

exploring them through art, science, music, stories and much more!

Physical Development

We will be continuing to encourage independence in the children, including going to the bathroom, washing hands and putting on their own coats.

The children will be having lots of opportunities to develop their fine motor skills and mark making skills by using a range of mark making equipment.

Mathematics

We will be continuing to sing lots of counting songs with the children, to develop their awareness of the sequence of numbers and counting. We will also be working on recognising numbers, as we count down the days to Christmas on our advent calendar!

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will have lots of opportunity to explore lots of different media including; clay to make Diva pots, making Rangoli patterns using chalks and paints, collage materials to make bonfire pictures and lots of glitter and sparkle to make Christmas items such as cards, calendars and decorations.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

It is a special time of year, where we will be encouraging the children to think of others and support them to be aware of others thoughts and feelings and to form special friendships.