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# Nursery Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2 2023



**Dear Parents/ Carers,**

**We hope that you have all enjoyed the half term break and that everyone is returning refreshed and ready for a very busy second half of the Autumn term.**

**The children have settled back very well. They are starting to be aware of the classroom rules and expectations and we have been working hard to encourage the children to operate independently with their self care, toileting and managing their clothing. Please continue to help us by encouraging independence at home too.**

### Our Team...



**Mrs Brelsford**



**Mrs Recio**



**Mrs Gordon**



**Ms Morgan**

### This term ....

This term we are looking at the themes of Space and Celebrations, including looking at Diwali and Christmas. This will be supported by a range of fiction and non-fiction books.

Every week, the children are introduced to a new book which runs alongside the children's learning. Activities are planned to explore this book, please see our Nursery board to see which book we are reading. Children are focusing on a new word each week, through our Concept Cat programme as well as learning the Makaton sign. These words will be modelled and revisited throughout the week.



Children will be exposed to a range of mathematic activities including beginning to subitise to 5, counting and selecting amounts, as well as representing and showing numbers.

### Chipmunk Reminders...

As the temperature continues to drop, please can you ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for both inside and outside of Nursery. We have the Nursery door open during the session and sometimes the classroom becomes chilly. Please ensure your child is wearing layers that can be removed and please help us by naming all clothing.

We ask that Wellington boots are not to be worn inside Nursery. Please ensure you change your child into safe and practical footwear, preferably Velcro shoes (no laces) before entering Nursery. If possible, it would be helpful to have a spare pair of shoes in their bag for changing should they become wet during water play.

We have been showing the children how to put on their coats independently. Please encourage your child to practice this important skill at home as well as putting on and taking off their shoes, this would be very much appreciated.



### Phonics...

This half term the children will be focusing on Phase 1 Aspect 2, which includes listening, remembering and identifying sounds. This includes instrumental sounds as well as talking about environmental sounds. This continues to support with developing their speaking, listening and attention skills.



### Dates for the diary

#### Term dates

**Monday 30th October —  
Tuesday 19th December**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>  
November – Book Fair**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December-  
Christmas Fair**

**Monday 18th December -  
Chipmunk Christmas Party**  
We will request small donations of sweet and savoury food items for the party nearer the date. Please ensure they do not contain any nuts.

### Keyworker groups

Your child's keyworker has been spending individual and group time with your child to observe and assess what they can achieve and what areas they may need support in. The children are assessed three times during the year to allow us to support your child's development through the seven areas of learning.

### Requests

As the Autumn weather approaches we continue to be most grateful for donations of boxes of tissues. In Nursery we use lots of tissues to wipe runny noses during this cold season.

We would be grateful if you could **donate £2** for our consumables that resource our messy and malleable play. If you are able to do this, please put donations in an envelope – thank you for your support.