



# Nursery Newsletter



Dear families,

Thank you to all the parents who came with us on our Autumn Walk. The children enjoyed themselves and we were really impressed at their behaviour on the trip. We look forward to more trips out.

This week, the children have really got stuck into **tidy up time** and are demonstrating that their growing awareness that we need to look after our things. They have been learning about what they need to do to tidy their special areas, and throughout the week we've seen them start to manage this with increasing independence. We have sent home a note in their bookbags with details of their tidy up area. Please talk about this at home with them.

Next week we will start **our whole school topic week on LIGHT**. Following on from our Out and About topic, we will continue to look at the changes to the season, focusing on the how the days are getting shorter and the nights are drawing in. We will read the story **Wow, said the Owl** and learn that it is really difficult to see things in the dark. We start talking about how **WE** can stay safe in dark by wearing bright colours so other people can see us.

Thursday is an **"own clothes"** day. On this day, children do not need to wear uniform and can bring in a donation for our Christmas Raffle Hamper. Nursery will be making a **MOVIE NIGHT** hamper, so suitable donations are child friendly movies that you don't watch, popcorn (in packets), snacks, drinks.

On Thursday we will also look at how the Hindu festival of Diwali is celebrated by dressing up, making some Indian sweets to try, learning about the story of Sita and Rama and how light helped them find their way home. If there are any families that have any Diwali related experiences they could share with us, e.g. photos, stories or artifacts, please come speak with us. Thank you.

**Parent Consultations** will take place on the week **commencing Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. You will be invited to stay with your child for part of the Nursery session and then meet privately with their key worker to discuss your child's progress and next steps.. This is a great opportunity to find out what your child's been up to and get a better understanding of how the Nursery routine works.

Children in Squirrel group will have their consultations on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Mole group – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November; Duck Group – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November; Frog Group – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. We appreciate that some parents may find it difficult to make the appointment during the day, so will offer some late-night appointments (5-7pm) on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November with Ms Myzer. Please look out for a letter in your child's bookbag next week.

**Reminder:** Friday is a **Staff training day** and the school will be closed for children. The following week is the **half term holiday break** so school will be back in session on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October**. Have a great weekend 😊

## This week...

We have been:

- Practicing our Harvest song
- Used careful counting to count out ice creams to sell in our shop
- Looked closely at changes in our environment and talked about what we see and even explained what we think may be happening.

## Next week....

We will:

- Talk about how to stay visible in the dark.
- Create some colour collages
- Practice holding a pencil and other mark making equipment and write the first letter of our name.
- Observe how some of our friends may celebrate Diwali.

## How can you help at home?

You could:

- Help your child learn to love reading. It is no surprise that children who love to read tend to develop a love for learning new things, as well as most score higher in school tests.
- So here's a tip on how to encourage a love for reading in your home:

Let your child see **YOU** reading! Have magazines and books in your home. If your child sees you reading, they are more likely to want to do it themselves!

## Nursery Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14	15	16	17	18
Topic week: Light and Dark			Looking at Diwali celebrations in Nursery Own Clothes day - you do not have to wear your uniform today in exchange for a donation for our MOVIE NIGHT hamper	Staff Training Day - school is closed for children
21	22	23	24	25
Half Term holiday - school is closed				

## Picture of the week:



Finding some Autumn Treasure!