



November Newsletter

Pre-School Room

The children in the pre school room have been learning about Autumn during October. They have enjoyed taking part in lots of activities that help develop their mathematical and literacy skills, including building a hedgehog house at the park and learning about hibernating animals. We have also used our woodwork skills to make wooden hedgehogs. We have explored natural autumnal materials such as conkers and pine cones and developed our mathematical skills by weighing the conkers and comparing weights and learning new mathematical language. We have also enjoyed mixing Autumn colours and printing with pine cones and conker rolling. We have explored our book of the month through tuff tray play, playing with puppets and reading the story "Owl Babies".

Toddler Room

The Toddlers have had fun learning about Autumn. We have enjoyed playing in the tuff tray exploring different textures and learning about animals that come out at night. We have also been learning about the signs of Autumn exploring different materials such as conkers and fir cones. We have also been printing with vegetables to help develop our mathematical and physical skills. We have explored the natural environment through nature walks and scavenger hunts.

Baby Room

During October we have been learning about autumnal colours in our sensory area which has helped us to learn colour names. We have also enjoyed playing with autumn scented playdough using our senses and developing our manipulative skills.

We have undertaken lots of sensory play through playing in the acorn soup in the water tray. The children have also enjoyed exploring the mud swamp in the mud kitchen as well as playing outside.

Important Dates

- Bonfire Night - 5th Nov
- Remembrance Day - 11th Nov
- Children In Need - 15th Nov
- Christmas Party - 16th Dec
- Pre school Nativity - 6th Dec

Book & Rhyme of the month

During November **The Pre school** will be reading "Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson.

The Toddler Room will be reading "Owl Babies".

The Babies will be singing the rhyme "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star".

Starting School

If your child was born between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 August 2021 then they are due to start primary school in Sept 2025. To apply for a school place you must apply online by the 15th Jan 25 at www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions. The application process opens on the 18th Nov 24.

Emergency Contacts

Following changes to safeguarding legislation we are updating our emergency contact information. We will be sending out new emergency contact detail forms for all children that have not registered within the past six months. Please ensure that we have at least two alternative contact numbers in addition to parent contact details.

Christmas Party

Our children's Christmas Party is scheduled to take place on Monday 16th December at 2pm at the nursery and will finish at 4pm.

If your child does not normally attend on that day they will need to be dropped off at nursery at 2pm and collected by 4pm.

There will be party games, party food and lots of fun! A reply slip is attached to the newsletter for you to fill in stating whether your child will be attending.

This is very important as we will need to have an idea of numbers for both staffing and catering purposes.

Charity Coffee Morning

We will be holding our charity coffee morning on 30th Nov between 10am and 12pm.

Tickets will cost £3 per adult and £2 per child. This includes the first drink and piece of cake.

There will be lots of fun activities for you and your child to take part in. Raffle tickets will be on sale at a £1 per strip.

Birthdays

Nevaeh 11th

Albie 13th

Anna 17th

Children in Need Day.

This year for Children in Need on Friday 15th November we will be dressing up in anything yellow and asking for a small donation of £1.00.



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The children in the pre school are going to be learning about colours, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Remembrance Day during November.

You can join in at home by making a colourful collage using different materials. You can also paint pictures and mix different colours and talk about how mixing different colours together makes new colours.

You could go for a walk and talk about the different colours that you can see out and about such as the different colours on the trees. You can look at books about colours and talk about your child's favourite colour.

Toddler room

The children in the Toddler Room are going to be learning about colours and talking about Bonfire Night. You could take part at home by talking about the fireworks and the noises that they make introducing new vocabulary. You can paint pictures mixing colours and talking about what colours are needed to make different colours. You could make edible sparklers using breadsticks and introduce science concepts such as melting chocolate and it setting. You could look at books of colours and talk about your child's favourite colour.

Baby Room

The babies are also going to be focusing on colours. You can look at books about colours and talk about all the different colours of different things, such as the colour of the sky. You could also sing songs with colours in such as "I can sing a rainbow".

You can take part in sensory play with different coloured playdough naming the colours or you could add food colouring to the water and take part in water play. When out and about look for different coloured objects and items and name the colours.

Gingerbread Christmas Tree

Ingredients

350g/12oz plain flour, plus extra for rolling out
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
2 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp ground cinnamon
125g/4½oz butter
175g/6oz light soft brown sugar
1 free-range egg
4 tbsp golden syrup

For Method see [Gingerbread men recipe - BBC Food](#) and shape as Christmas trees.

Next Month

The Preschool will be reading the book "Elmers Christmas".

The Toddler Room will be reading the book "That's not my Reindeer".

The Baby Room will be singing the rhyme "Here we go Round the Christmas Tree".

Here we go Round the Christmas Tree

Here we go round the Christmas tree, The Christmas tree, the Christmas tree. Here we go round the Christmas tree, To add some decorations! First we put on some round baubles, Some round baubles, some round baubles. First we put on some round baubles, To make our tree so pretty! Now we can put some tinsel on, Some tinsel on, some tinsel on. Now we can put some tinsel on, To make our tree so pretty! Now we can add some fairy lights, Some fairy lights, some fairy lights. Now we can add some fairy lights, To make our tree so pretty! Then we can put a star on top, A star on top, a star on top. Then we can put a star on top, To make our tree so pretty! Here we go round the Christmas tree, The Christmas tree, the Christmas tree. Here we go round the Christmas tree, Doesn't it look pretty!