



November Newsletter

Pre-School Room

The children in the pre school room have been learning about Autumn. They have enjoyed taking part in exploring a Gruffalo Crumble Tray after reading the story. They have developed their mathematical skills measuring oats and adding them to the tray. They have also made Gruffalo crumble cake.

They have learnt about Diwali and enjoyed making Diya lamps out of clay. They have painted Henna patterns and talked about why this is part of the Diwali traditions.

They have explored Autumn leaves through leaf rubbing and leaf printing and have talked about nocturnal animals, such as owls, now that the nights are getting darker earlier.

Toddler Room

The Toddlers have had fun learning about Autumn. We have enjoyed playing in the tuff tray exploring natural objects such as leaves and conkers, we have used our fine motor skills to pick up conkers with the tweezers and our mathematical skills to count them. We have enjoyed playing outside trying to catch the falling leaves and making Autumn soup using leaves and conkers. We have also had fun making autumn shaped gingerbread biscuits.

Baby Room.

During October we have been learning about Autumn. We have explored Autumn leaves and enjoyed crunching them and talking about the sounds that they have made. We have also painted with pine cones and done leaf printing. In the playdough we have added different spices such as ginger and enjoyed smelling the different scents. We have also had fun playing in the autumn soup tuff tray that had different autumn fruit and vegetables added to it that we could scoop into the jugs.

Important Dates

- Bonfire Night - 5th Nov
- Remembrance Day - 11th Nov
- Children In Need - 14th Nov
- Christmas Party - 8th Dec
- Pre school Nativity - 19th Dec

Book & Rhyme of the month

During November The Pre-school we will be reading "Owl Babies"

The Toddler Room will be reading "Pumpkin Soup"

The Baby Room Will be singing "Hey diddle diddle"

Starting School

If your child was born between 1 Sept 2021 and 31 August 2022 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 25.

Car Parking

Please can we ask parents to be mindful of where they are parking. No parking is allowed in the school grounds in the morning and we kindly ask that no one parks on the yellow zig zags or blocking the neighbours drives. Police have been patrolling the area and issuing tickets.

Christmas Party

Our children's Christmas party is scheduled to take place on Monday 8th December at 2pm at the nursery. The party will finish at 4pm.

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

There will be party games 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 6th Dec 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

Albie 13th

Ella 20th

Children in Need Day.

Friday 14th November

This year for Children in Need we are asking your child to join in by dressing up in spotty clothes for a £2.00 donation.



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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 light and dark. You can join in at through:

Torch Exploration - let your child explore with a torch looking at different objects and talking about shadows.

Shadow Tracing - using torches onto paper trace round the shadows of toys and colour them in talking about the different sizes.

Light and Dark collage - using black and white paper, foil and other materials create a collage and introduce new vocabulary such as shiny and dull.

Toddler room

The children in the Toddler Room are going to be learning Light and Dark. You can join in at home through the following activities:-

Light and Dark Painting, - developing your child's creativity skills.

Making Shadow puppets - using light in a darkened room make puppets shapes on the wall and develop your child's literacy skills through making up stories.

Shadow Drawing- using torches shone onto toys such as your child's favourite teddy drawing round the shadow shapes.

Baby Room

The babies are going to be focusing on colours. You can take part at home through:

Making a colour treasure basket - filling it with baby friendly items such as a red socks.

Coloured squish bag - Fill a Ziplock bag with hair gel , tape it to the table or high chair and let your child squish the bag.

Have a coloured snack time with different coloured fruits talking about the colours.

Read colour books naming the different colours.

Christmas Nature Wreaths

Go on a Winter Nature Walk

Encourage children to collect "treasures" like evergreen sprigs, twigs, holly leaves (with supervision), feathers, and berries.

2. Create the Wreath Base

At home, help your child wrap string or ribbon around the hoop. This forms the base for attaching natural items.

3. Decorate Together

Tie or glue the collected items onto the wreath. Talk about textures, smells, and colours as you work.

4. Add a Festive Touch

Include seasonal extras like cinnamon sticks or dried orange slices.

Next Month

The Preschool will be reading the book "The Night before Christmas".

The toddler Room will be reading the book "Stick Man"

The Baby Room will be singing the rhyme: "Rudolph the red nosed reindeer".

Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
Had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw it
You would even say it glows
All of the other reindeer
Used to laugh and call him names
They never let poor Rudolph
Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say
"Rudolph with your nose so bright
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then how the reindeer loved him
As they shouted out with glee
"Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
You'll go down in history!"

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