



# October Newsletter

## Pre-School Room

This month in the pre-school room the children have been talking about "All about me" and Autumn. They have looked at the differences between eye colour and hair colour. They have talked about different occupations and what they would like to be when they grow up. We have also talked about the start of Autumn and the differences between Summer and Autumn. The children have enjoyed walking around and looking for the signs of Autumn collecting leaves and looking for berries on the trees. We have created pictures for our display through leaf printing and talked about mixing different colours. The children have learnt new vocabulary talking about animals that hibernate and why they hibernate. The children have also enjoyed playing in the leaves and talking about the different noises the leaves make.

## Toddler Room

The toddler room have been exploring the Little Red Hen story. They have read the story, talked about making bread and then had a go making bread themselves. This led to them making dough for a pizza base. They have also developed their turn taking and sharing skills by playing games that involve turn taking. They have enjoyed playing outside and pretending to make mud in the mud kitchen.

## Baby Room

The babies have been exploring Autumn. They have looked at leaves and enjoyed scrunching them up. They have had fun painting with them and exploring colours. They have also had fun playing with playdough and using their manipulative skills to pull and twist the playdough. They have also helped bake biscuits and talked about mixing.

## Important Dates

- October half term Mon 25th Oct until Fri 30th October.
- Breakfast around the World 28th October
- Orange and Black Day 30th October

## Book & Rhyme of the month:

Preschool: "A scarecrows wedding" by Julia Donaldson.

Main Area Rhyme: 5 Little Leaves

Toddlers: "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell

Babies and Toddler: "Round and Round The Garden".

## Halloween

This year we will be having a dress up day for Halloween on Friday 29th October. Come dressed up in a costume or, if you prefer, you can come dressed up in something Orange and Black.

There will be lots of fun activities planned throughout the week, so even if they do not attend on Friday's they will not miss out.

## Cold Weather

Now the weather is getting colder, please can we ask that children are provided with a coat, hat and wellies. If your child already has a pair of wellies at nursery, please ask staff to check that they still fit. Also please could you provide a pair of indoor shoes for the children to change into, that can be kept at nursery. These can be either pumps or slippers and need to be clearly labelled. Thank you.

## Staff Changes

We have a new staff member Samantha Collier joining us in the pre school room. Samantha is Cache Level 3 qualified and has been qualified since 2008. She comes to us with lots of experience and we are sure she will be a wonderful addition to our team.

## Birthdays

Lewis 5th  
Nura 9th  
Olivia 10th  
Eryx 13th  
Tommy 18th  
Archie 26th

## Photographs/Christmas Card orders.

Reminder that the orders for Christmas cards and photographs need to be completed by Friday 8th October.



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## Things to do at home this month

### Pre-School

The children are going to be talking about Autumn throughout October. We are also going to be reading the book "The Scarecrows Wedding" by Julia Donaldson. At home you could go for a walk and find conkers and acorns and bring them into nursery and add them to our interest table. You could talk about the colours of the leaves on the trees and what is happening.

You could read our book of the month and talk about the story and the characters. Ask them which character is their favourite and which part of the story they like best.

### Toddler room

The children in the toddler room are reading the book "The Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell. They are going to be reading the story and talking about the night time. At home you could talk about it getting darker earlier and looking for stars. You could also talk about shadows. Some children are afraid of the dark and you could talk to them about their feelings. If you read the story you could ask them about what noise an owl makes and when do owls come out. You could use the story to develop counting skills talking about how many owls are in the story.

### Baby Room

The children in the baby room are singing "Round and Round the Garden". You could sing the song at home and develop counting skills. You could also extend the rhyme by tickling other parts of the body and naming them such as the feet and nose. You could also talk about Autumn by looking at the leaves and talking about them blowing in the wind or falling of the trees. You could make playdough and add scents to it. Please ask Claire or a staff member if you would like the recipe.

### 5 Little Leaves

Five little leaves so bright  
and gay,  
Were dancing about on a  
tree one day.  
The wind came howling  
through the town and  
One little leaf came tum-  
bling down.

(repeat with 4, 3, 2..)

### Next Month

During November we will be reading "Pumpkin Soup" by Helen Cooper

The Toddler Room will be reading "Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson.

The babies will be singing the rhyme "Hickory Dickory Dock"

### "Round and Round the Garden"

Round and round the  
garden  
Like a teddy bear.  
One step, two step,  
Tickle you under there.