



October Newsletter

Pre-School Room

This month the children in the Pre School room have been learning about all about themselves. They have been learning about emotions, using the colour monsters to learn about the different types of emotions and help develop their Personal, Social and Emotional Skills.

They have developed their Physical Skills learning about their senses through playing with scented playdough and herbs to make potions.

They have learnt about differences, talking about hair, eye and skin colours promoting British Values. We have also talked about making friends which the children have enjoyed, welcoming all our new children that have started in the Pre School Room.

Toddler Room

This Month the children have also been learning about themselves. They have learnt about their senses through sensory play in the tuff tray playing with edible sand and being creative using edible paint.

They have learnt about body parts and developed their physical skills washing the dolls. They have created paper plate faces and learnt about eye, hair and skin colour s well as making faces in the playdough using loose parts.

Baby Room

The babies have been exploring Autumn and focusing on the changes that Autumn brings by playing with the leaves in the tuff tray. They have also been creative and used leaves for sticking. They have also developed their physical skills taking part in activities such as body painting, playing with frozen yogurt and water play.

They have enjoyed lots of play outside experiencing all types of weather.

Important Dates

- **October half term - Mon 30 Oct until Fri 3rd Nov.**
- **Breakfast around the World - 26th Oct 22**
- **Orange and Black Dress Up Day - 31st Oct**

Book and Rhyme of the Month

During October **The Pre School** children will be reading "Owl Babies" by Martin Wardell and singing "Five Little Leaves". The **Toddler Room** will be reading "Room On the Broom" by Julia Donaldson and singing "Five Little Leaves". The **Baby Room** will be singing "Incy Wincey Spider".

Halloween

This year we will be having a dress up day for Halloween, on Tuesday 31st October. Come dressed up in a costume or if you prefer you ca come dressed up in something Orange and Black. There will be lots of fun activities planned throughout the week, so even if your child does not attend on the Friday there will be activities for them to take part in throughout the week.

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.

Christmas Cards

Your children have taken part in designing their own Christmas Cards again this year. Please look out for order forms in the next few weeks. They will be available to order online along with other Christmas products.

Birthdays

Isobel 2nd Vincent 31st
Joseph 12th
Aspen 16th
Jake 23rd
Tiara 25th
Archie 26th

Labelling clothes

Please could we ask that all items of clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name. Many children have the same items of clothing and they easily get mixed up.



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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 "Owl Babies"* by Martin Wardell. You can go on a Autumn walk and collect some autumn leaves and make a collage out of them. Collect some conkers and use them to count with. You can talk about the nights getting darker and look for the stars in the night sky.

You could bake gingerbread biscuits and develop your child's mathematical knowledge through weighing out the ingredients.

Toddler room

The Toddlers are going to explore Autumn and will be learning about all things autumn. You can join in at home by talking about the leaves falling from the trees, playing in the leaves and enjoy kicking them. You can go for an Autumn Walk and look for conkers and pine cones and use the opportunity to introduce new vocabulary such as acorn. You could also make collage pictures using leaves and twigs. You could develop paint pictures using autumn colours and talk about mixing colours to make new ones.

Baby Room

The Babies are going to continue learning about Autumn and developing their development in the Prime Areas. You can join in at home by building blocks and knocking them down to develop gross motor skills. If you are out and about have fun playing in leaves and swishing them about. You can talk about the sounds the leaves are making and introduce new vocabulary. You could also do different baking activities using different flavourings such as ginger or cinnamon and introduce mathematical language.

I'm a Little Hedgehog Song

(Sing to the tune of 'I'm a Little Teapot'.)

I'm a little hedgehog, Brown and small. Very prickly, Not that tall.

When I'm feeling frightened, Away I crawl, And curl up into a ball!

I'm a little hedgehog, Build my nest, When it's autumn, Leaves are best. If you build bonfire, Have you guessed? Check inside, I'm having a rest!

Next Month

During November The Pre school we will be reading "A tale of Two Feathers".

Rhyme: "I'm Little Hedgehog".

The Toddler Room will be reading "We're Going on A Leaf Hunt".

Rhyme: "I'm Little Hedgehog".

The babies will be singing the rhyme "The Grand Old Duke of York".

The grand old Duke of York.

Oh, the grand old Duke of York, He had ten thousand men, He marched them up to the top of the hill. And he marched them down again. And when they were up they were up, And when they were down they were down, And when they were only half way up. They were neither up nor down.
