

Nursery Newsletter Autumn 2

We would like to wish you a warm welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term. We very much enjoyed meeting our new families last half term and visiting many of our new children in their homes. The children spent last half term settling into their new environment, learning routines, finding out where everything belongs and building relationships. We are very happy with the way the children have settled so far. Please continue to support your child at home by helping them to become more independent with putting on shoes and clothing. If you have any concerns or would just like to chat about what your child has been up to during the session, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

***Mrs Pritchatt, Mrs Whiteley and Miss Holgate***

Which stories and themes will we be looking at this half term?

This half term we will be thinking about the different ways in which we celebrate and talking about the similarities and differences between different cultural celebrations. Over the next few weeks there will be lots different religious festivals for us to learn about alongside the Christian Festival of Christmas.

We will be looking at the story of Rama and Sita and will introduce the children to the Celebration of **Diwali** which will celebrated by Hindu and Sikh communities next week. There are several You Tube videos aimed at young children explaining the celebration of Diwali; if you would like to share them with your children at home.

We will be looking at the word ‘peace’ and helping children to find harmonious ways of resolving things and learning to share and look after each other. The children will be listening to the story of Mr Big by Ed Ceve and the book Mine by Hiawyn Oram.

Next month we will start looking at the nativity story and learn all about the reason why we celebrate Christmas. You will also be invited to come along and take part in Christmas Celebration, ***Sparkle Time*** where you will have the opportunity to join your child as they take part in a variety of Christmas craft activities and end with a Christmas sing along and a retelling of the nativity. If your child doesn’t attend on those days we are happy to swap their session in order to accommodate.

**Sparkle Time,** *Tuesday, 17th Dec at 2 pm*



Tapestry

You should all by now be able to access Tapestry in order to follow your child’s learning journey in school. We have however noticed that some children’s profiles have not yet been accessed. If you are experiencing any problems with Tapestry, please let us know. We see Tapestry as a great tool that enables school and home to work together in recording the children’s development. We love it when parents add pictures of the great things that they experience at home.

Parent meetings

Over the next few weeks we will be inviting you to make a 10 minute appointment to come along and have a chat with us about how your child has settled into nursery.



**Friday 15th Nov**, *Children in Need Day*

**Tuesday 17th Dec**, *Sparkle time at* ***2pm*** *(Morning children welcome to attend)*

**Wednesday 18th Dec**, *Christmas Dinner (for those children who stay for lunch on Thursdays)*

**Thursday 19th Dec**, *Christmas Party Day*

**Friday 20th Dec**, *Break up for Christmas Holidays*

**Monday 6th Jan**, *School re-opens*