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Welcome back after October half term!

We have a very busy half term ahead of us and look forward to continuing to work with all our families.

Please see details below of our Communication and Language workshops, which will be taking place this half term. Parent consultations will also be taking place for those who have not yet had the opportunity to speak with their child's key worker. These will be taking place in the week beginning 5th-9th December 2022. We will be contacting parents via email in due course to arrange timings. If you have already had a consultation in October, your next parent consultation will be in the Spring term. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Reception class places September 2023

The admissions process for a place in reception class for **September 2023** is now open.

If your child will be 4 before 31st August 2023 you should apply now for a place in a reception class.

It is important that you find the right school for your child, so please look on their school website and read their latest Ofsted report, so that you can make an informed choice.

Most schools will have open sessions between September 2022 and January 2023, please visit the school's website for further details.

It is important that you apply for a place as soon as possible.

You can find out about school open days and apply for a place online by following the link below.

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1786/apply_for_reception_primary_school

Harvest Festival & Food Bank collection 29th Nov – 10th Dec

We will celebrate Harvest Festival by collecting hampers of food to donate to our local Food Bank for local families in need. Each key group will make a hamper. Please give your donations to your child's key person.

Communication & Language Development Workshop Weds 23rd and Thurs 24th November

Parents are invited to come into school for a short session to support their children's Communication and Language skills 9-9.30am each day. Further information will be sent via email.

Wednesday 23rd November

Lions (Inez class) and Seals (Debbie C's class)
Snow Leopards (Sarah B's class), Elephants 1 (Sarah E's class) and Wolves 1 (Debbie G's class)

Thursday 24th November

Wolves 2 (Lucy's class and Elephants 2 (Tina's class)

Christmas Parties Wednesday 14th December

Children's Christmas parties with Father Christmas, games and food. We will ask parents and carers to donate food for the party – look out for a sign-up sheet nearer the time.
Christmas Sing A Long -13th & 15th December at 9am

Tuesday 13th December

Snow Leopards (Sarah B's class), Wolves 1 (Debbie G's class), Elephants 1 (Sarah E's class)

Thursday 15th December

Seals (Debbie C's class) and Lions (Inez class)
Wolves 2 (Lucy's class) and Elephants 2 (Tina's class)

We have achieved our Eco Award!

We are so proud to have achieved our **International Eco-Schools Certificate**. At Goodway we are dedicated to teaching our children how precious our world is and how we need to work together to look after the earth. We teach the children to look after the environment. We encourage recycling and re-using materials to prevent waste.

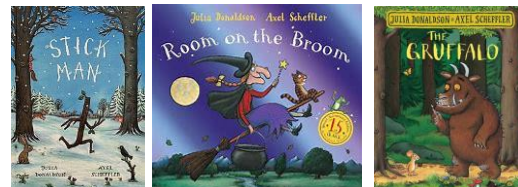
Core books we will be reading this half term

We focus upon particular books each half term to read to the children regularly so that children develop a bank of well known and loved stories.

You can help by getting the story from your local library and reading it at home to your child.

These stories will be a stimulus for imaginative role play, mark making, creating models and many other learning opportunities.

Poppies & Sunflowers (3-4 year olds):



Stick Man by Julia Donaldson

Room on a Broom by Julia Donaldson

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler



Daisies (2-3 year olds): Brown Bear Brown Bear

We're learning to say 'hello' in Punjabi

We teach children to say hello in a different language each half term. This half term we are learning to say hello in Punjabi

Sati shree akal

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Breakfast

We have introduced breakfast as part of our universal offer. Each classroom has a choice of cereals and fruit for the children to access at the start of their day.

Makaton signs

Makaton is designed to support spoken language – signs are used alongside speech to help children to communicate.

Poppies & Sunflowers will learn to sign some words linked to Stick Man.

Daisies will learn to sign some words from Brown Bear.

Follow the link below to find more about Makaton
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/makaton>

Learning at home

We suggest 'next steps' for your child's learning and development on their Tapestry observations that you can access and also add your own pictures and comments.

More ideas for learning at home are available on our website under the 'Teaching & Learning' section.

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Please choose a book each week to read with your child and read with them every day. Sharing a story together every day is the most important thing you can do to support your child's early reading development.

Great Apps to support Learning-

50 Things to Do before You Are Five

<https://scnv.io/1awN?qr=1>

Look, Sing & Say

This half term we will be learning.....

Personal, social & emotional development

- o Making Relationships – circle time games
- o Leadership roles
- o Behavioural expectations - Class charters
- o Sharing and turn taking
- o Ring games
- o Exploring who is in their families
- o Vocabulary of emotions & feelings

Communication & Language

- o Develop confidence with sharing news from home during group times
- o Respond to two part sentences appropriately.
- o Answer 'who, what', 'where' questions
- o Use concepts such as big/ little to describe objects
- o Sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts

Physical development

- o Developing independence with dressing, coats and toileting
- o Using tools for making cards, labels and wrapping parcels
- o Firework pictures - large scale mark making
- o Dancing to Diwali & Christmas music

Literacy

- o Attempting writing names at registration
- o Attempting writing names on paintings
- o Finding own names at registration
- o Rhyming songs
- o Suggest how stories may end
- o Hold book correctly and turns pages

Maths

- o Numbers in order- counting rhymes
- o Counting children and number line
- o Understanding 'oneness of one'
- o Mark making numbers- different ways to represent numbers
- o Physical play- counting jumps, steps etc

Understanding the World

- o Learning about Christmas and Diwali
- o Using torches – exploring light and dark

Expressive arts & design

- o Making Diva lamps
- o Making Rangoli patterns
- o Christmas songs and rhymes
- o Chalk pictures of fireworks on black paper
- o Decorating our Christmas tree
- o Making Christmas cards

Code of Conduct for Parents & Visitors

We have adopted the Local Authority's Code of Conduct for Parents & Visitors, which sets out expectations for behaviour. You can see this on our website in the Policies section under the Key Information tab, along with other key policies.

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Unicef Rights Respecting School

We are very proud to have achieved our Gold Unicef Rights Respecting School award which demonstrates our commitment to Children's Rights.

This half term we will focus upon the following rights:

Article 12: Respect for the views of the child Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

- o Introduce Leadership roles
 - Leader
 - Eco Warrior
 - Helper
 - Rights Champion

Article 27: Adequate standard of living Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.

- o Children in Need
- o Food Bank collection

Article 30: Culture Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, regardless of whether these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live

- o Learning about our families and celebrations
- o Diwali
- o Christmas (Christian celebration)

Article 31: Leisure play and culture Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities

- o Consolidating Class Charters

Christmas break

Just a reminder that we close for the Christmas break on Friday 16th December.

We will be closed for staff training on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.