



Newsletter Autumn Term 2

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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 to give you the opportunity to speak with your child's key worker. These will be taking place in the week beginning Monday 13th - Friday 17th November and Monday 4th - Friday 8th December. Key workers will be in contact in due course to arrange timings. There is also a Groovy Little Movers workshop for those who are currently attending. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Reception class places September 2024

The admissions process for a place in reception class for **September 2024** is now open.

If your child will be 4 before 31st August 2024 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 2023 and January 2024, 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

Communication & Language Development Workshop Weds 29th November- Sunflowers

Parents are invited to come into school for a short session to support their children's Communication and Language skills at 11am and 2.15pm. Further information will be sent via email.

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.

Children In Need Wednesday 15th November

We will be celebrating Children in Need by wearing clothes that are red or yellow or spotty. Please bring a small donation if you are able to for such a worthy cause. The children will be accessing lots of fun activities linked to Children in Need

Groovy Little Movers Workshops

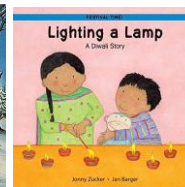
On Wednesday 22nd November, we will be holding two workshops for our Part Time Sunflowers parents and children. You will be invited to participate in one of our fun music and movement sessions from Groovy Little Movers to find out how they help your child to develop. It will be a fun interactive session with your child.

9.10-9.50am

2.30-3.10pm

Further workshops will be held for Full Time Sunflowers parents and children and all Daisies parents and children in the Spring term, when they will be accessing the classes.

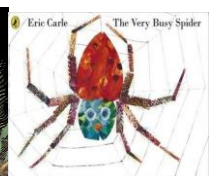
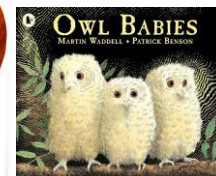
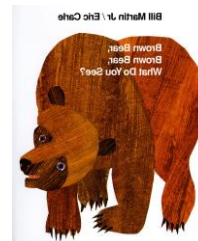
Poppies & Sunflowers (3-4 year olds):



Stick Man by Julia Donaldson

Lighting a Lamp

The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler



Daisies (2-3 year olds): Brown Bear Brown Bear, Owl Babies by



Christmas Parties Wednesday 20th December

Children's Christmas parties with Father Christmas and games. Please send your child with a party lunch on this day.

Christmas Sing A Long -Wednesday 13th December at 11.15am and 2.45pm

Please come and join us for a lovely singing session with your child!

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 our core books.

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 Learning about different cultures and religions linked to festivals

Expressive arts & design

- o Making Diya 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 22nd December at 1pm.

We will be closed for staff training on Monday 8th January 2024.

Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2024.