

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 doing during the session, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

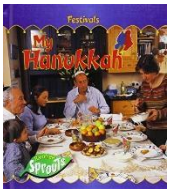
Mrs Pritchatt, Mrs Whiteley, Miss Ella Ms Rayner and Miss Mason

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 of different religious festivals for us to learn about alongside the Christian Festival of Christmas.

Our first week back will not only see the children looking at Bonfire Night but will also be looking at the festival 'Diwali', by sharing the story of Rama and Sita. The children will be discussing how Diwali is a celebration of Festival of Lights, celebrating good over bad.





We will be looking at the festival of Hanukah and will introduce the children to the celebration of **'Festival of Lights'** that celebrates a historical miracle of oil lasting eight days. For eight nights, families light a nine-branched candelabra called a menorah, with the extra "helper" candle used to light the others. This is celebrated by Jewish communities starting on the evening of December 4 and ending on December 12th. There are several You Tube videos aimed at young children explaining the celebration of Hanukkah; 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 our 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, 16th Dec at 2 pm*

What are we learning in math?

During our carpet time, the children are exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3. We are recognising an amount and showing the final count on our fingers. The children have begun to look at an amount (to three) and are saying this without the need to count – this is called subitizing. We will also be looking at repeating patterns beginning with colour such as red, blue, red, blue and moving on to other objects such as conker, stick, conker, stick. We will then be challenging the children to find a mistake within a repeated pattern and to try and completed an extend pattern such as red, blue, green, red, blue, green.

What are we learning in letter and sound? (known as phonics)

At the start of Autumn 2, each week the children will be introduced to a new letter sound. The children will be introduced to the sound, practice the sound, and orally blend. This will be done through a selection of different games. (We will be giving out information as we move through the year)

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

At the end of last half term, you were invited to make a 10-minute appointment to have a chat with us about how your child has settled into nursery, if you have not already done so, please remember to book through the parent app.

We need your help.

We are trying to encourage your child to put their shoes on independently, to help with this could you please send your child in easy fastening footwear should as Velcro/slip on. Thank you



Thursday 6th Nov, Reception Open Evening

Mon 9th – Fri 14th, Peace Week

Friday 13th Nov, Children in Need Day

Thursday 20th Nov, Reception Open Afternoon

Friday 20th Nov, Non- Uniform Day (bring a coloured gift)

Wednesday 4th Dec, Carols in the Playground followed by Christmas Fair

Tuesday 15th Dec, Sparkle time at **2pm**

Wednesday 16th Dec, Christmas Dinner (for those children who stay for lunch on Wednesdays)

Thursday 17th Dec, Christmas Party Day

Friday 18th Dec, Training Day (school closed) Break up for Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th Jan, *School re-opens*