

Early Years Newsletter – Autumn 2 2022

Curriculum Information - Topics - Nursery					
Autumn 1 2022	Autumn 2 2022	Spring 1 2023	Spring 2 2023	Summer 1 2023	Summer 2 2023
Marvellous Me	In the woods!	Bears!	Mini-Beasts Frog Life Cycle	In the garden	Animals (farm)
Curriculum Information - Topics - Reception					
Autumn 1 2022	Autumn 2 2022	Spring 1 2023	Spring 2 2023	Summer 1 2023	Summer 2 2023
Ourselves	Celebrations and festivals	Dinosaurs	Animals and their babies	Stories from other cultures	At the seaside
Homework Timetable - Nursery					
		Issued		Returned to School	
Home School Diary		Friday		Wednesday	
Reading/Library Book		Friday		Wednesday	
Homework Timetable - Reception					
		Issued		Returned to School	
Reading Book		New Book is issued on Friday		Return to School the following Friday	
Reception Phonic Homework		Friday		Wednesday	

Nursery

In Nursery this half term, we have loved our 'In the Woods' theme. We loved going on a Gruffalo trail around the Nursery garden and then creating our very own maps. We enjoyed listening to lots of new stories this half term, including Red Riding Hood, Foggy Foggy Forest and Hodge the Hedgehog. We have worked hard on our painting skills and painted lots of characters from our stories. In maths, we have been learning how to create and complete a repeating pattern and even used our fruit at snack time to make a repeating pattern. In phonics, we have been tuning into initial sounds and listening for 'a t p i n'. We have been working on our oral blending in small words and are becoming more confident with this. We loved learning all about Diwali and enjoyed making diva lamps and tasting Indian food. To end our half term, we have been learning all about the Nativity story and the importance of Christmas for Christians.

A special thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Nursery Christmas stay and play session. It was lovely to welcome you into the Nursery and the children thoroughly loved having you there to play!



Celebrations

During this half term, Reception have been looking at different celebrations and festivals that happen in different cultures around the world. We looked at bonfire night, where we learnt all about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate it. When we learnt about Diwali, which is the festival of light, we created beautiful Rangoli patterns and lanterns. We talked about birthdays, created party invitations and even got to celebrate by having our own classroom party to celebrate what a wonderful start to the year we'd had. We talked about the celebration of Ramadan and Eid, and we were very lucky that two of our friends celebrated this festival. They told us all about what takes place and brought us all some yummy treats to try!



Nativity and Christmas

Reception have been very busy in the run up to Christmas. The children have learned all about the Christmas story as part of their celebrations topic and produced a wonderful Nativity play. Within English we have read lots of different Christmas stories, the children have produced story maps, letters and practised their phonics skills whilst writing Christmas cards. The children have enjoyed using their artistic skills to design their own baubles, cards and calendars. We all had lots of fun at the Christmas party with a special visit from Santa Claus!

Attendance

Please can you ensure that your child attends school/Nursery on a daily basis – we aim for a child's attendance to be 96% or above by the end of the year. If your child is unable to attend school due to illness then **please ensure that you contact school on the first day of illness and each additional day**. Children learn something new every day so it is vital that they are in school as much as possible. The attendance figures for this half term are:

Nursery	77.8%
Class 1	84.3%
Class 2	81.5%

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and wish you all the best for 2023. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Thursday 5th January 2023**.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Early Years Team (Nursery and Reception)

