

Dear Families,



Wow, what fun November brought. All things fireworks included pictures, creations, sounds and actions. The children enjoyed watching the sparklers with some having the chance to hold them too. The conversations flowed with ease and provided opportunities for lots of new vocabulary throughout the Nursery.

The new Babies have settled in well and have explored the garden further, they really enjoyed joining the other children in the sandpit.

Children in Need Week was very successful. Thank you for all your help with our fundraising efforts! The children and Team had a great time producing artwork and baking cakes as well as joining in with the sponsored events. Friday bought our Fancy Dress Day and everyone looked fabulous. We raised a massive £500 in total.

The Photographer session went very well with lots of smiles from everyone. We will let you know when the photos arrive ready for your orders.

Please remember to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk if you wish to continue to claim the 30 hours grant funding for 3 and 4 year olds or if you are using Tax Free Childcare to pay your Nursery fees. If you have any questions about this, please contact Chrissie our Finance Manager.

December sees the start of the festive season. The Kindergarten children have been rehearsing for their Nativity and learning lots of new songs. All the rooms will be joining them for their dress rehearsal so they can practice in front of an audience.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy lots of fun family time.

Becky McFarlane
Nursery Manager



Nature Nursery

November saw the final Nature Nursery session for 2017. The children have absolutely loved their experiences.

With lots of adult support, guidance and supervision they have been learning how to build fires safely including sawing up their own wood.

They have been exploring the environment, climbing trees and using the resources around them to create different things. Sticks became wands and leaves became potions.

The children also began to learn about taking care of the environment and have been developing the life skill of washing up their own lunch plates too!

We are looking forward to the new sessions in February.

Dates for your Diary

- **Kindergarten Nativity:**
5th December 2:30pm
- **Kindergarten Christmas Party**
14^h December at 2:30pm
- **Close for Christmas**
Friday 22nd December 6pm
- **Nursery Reopens**
Tuesday 2nd January

Babies



At the beginning of November fireworks provoked Babies interest. They used paint to recreate the colours and patterns of fireworks and banged bells and tins to resemble the sounds. This led on to exploring colours and shapes, in particular spots ready for Children In Need. In the weeks leading up to Children In Need the Babies had opportunities to try out new creative skills to make their artwork for the gallery. The Teddy Bears Picnic then led us on to explore lots of textures we might find when 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'.

Toddlers

Throughout November Toddlers have continued to explore Autumn. They took a trip on the Yellow Dot Bus to Sunnyfields Farm to explore the Autumn harvest where we picked our own pumpkins and squashes. The children were fascinated by them and all their shapes and sizes. Alongside our Autumn provocation the children have been developing their muscles using chinks, sponges and rollers on large pieces of paper. Over the next month we will be exploring a range of different winter books including 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' to continue the children's interests in posting objects.



Transition

The children in Transition have also continued to explore Autumn out and about in the local community. They have been threading and sewing using leaves collected on these outings. This is a great way to help develop those fine motor skills needed later for writing. Alongside this they talked about and explored hibernation and made a home for our bear and hedgehog. The children have also been talking about fireworks they had seen as well as watching and holding some sparklers here in the garden. To further explore fireworks and bonfires the children created firework paintings with a range of colours, different brushes and glitter. What fun we had.



Kindergarten

In November Kindergarten enjoyed creating firework paintings after some of them experienced seeing them on Bonfire Night. The children also enjoyed holding sparklers watching carefully to see how the sparkles shot off in different directions, some of the children even moved their sparklers to try to create the capital letter at the start of their name. Outside the children joined in with a flick painting activity and they all talked about how their paintings looked like 'exploding fireworks'. The children learnt a fun rap about 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' as Children In Need came around. We will be continuing their interest in Bears and Goldilocks in creative activities and exploration of small, medium and large objects in all aspects of their play.

