

Dear Families,



## Garden development

Welcome to our October Newsletter and what a fun filled month we have had.

Our garden is looking amazing and the children have enjoyed watching the developments which you can read more about further on. I hope you enjoyed the updates on Twitter as much as we did sharing them with you.

In September the children have been exploring the wider community and some had their first experience of a going on a trip and on a bus with us. The Library has been a very popular destination with the children choosing which stories are their favourites and telling us which they share at home with loved ones.

This month we welcome Laura-Jane as our housekeeper and Chelsea as a Modern Apprentice. All our Modern Apprentices will be moving around the rooms regularly over the coming months to gain more experience with the different age ranges and form bonds with all the children

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What a difference! Our garden has been developed beautifully. The children were fascinated by the digger's and workmen working on the garden and even practised building structures themselves. We have a new mud kitchen, viewing platform and much bigger sandpit.

The children have had great fun exploring the new storage unit and learning how to return their resources when they have finished. All in all a great first hand experience for everyone.



## Dates for your Diary

- **Parent Consultations:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.
- **Christmas Photographer:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- **Kindergarten Nativity:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm Village Hall.
- **Close for Christmas:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December
- **Nursery Reopens** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

## Babies



During September in Babies we welcomed lots of new families. The Babies are settling in really well and making great bonds with their Key People and their Buddies. All the Babies have been exploring using their senses as they learn 'all about me'. They particularly enjoyed looking at their reflections in mirrors and then exploring lots of reflective heuristic items. Out in the garden the Babies have been supervising the builders and watching the digger work. Following on from the building work in the garden we will continue looking at 'diggers and digging'. They have already visited the Library and picked up some new books to enhance their experience of this further.

## Toddlers

In September the Toddlers enjoyed settling into their new room and routine and exploring the book "Dear Zoo". We have been looking at animal patterns and creating our own patterns using paint and different tools. We have also looked at animal habitats and explored grass, sand, water and ice. Over the next month we will be looking at Percy the Park Keeper and exploring Autumn and animals such as hedgehogs and squirrels.



## Transition



Transition children have been settling in well into their new room. We have been exploring the story "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", helping to create a textured display board in our home corner to complement our Teddy Bears picnic. We have been for a walk to the local woods to look for the Bear's cottage, and found our friendly Bears hidden in the trees and grass.

This month we will be expanding the children's knowledge of Autumn as a season using the theme of 'We're Going On a Bear Hunt'. We will be exploring our local woods, going on a bear hunt and seeing the changes in the leaves and habitats.

## Kindergarten

During September the children in Kindergarten have also been settling into their new room and routine. They have been getting to know and bonding with their Key People. We have been exploring the "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" book looking at the caterpillars lifecycle. Following on from this the children have been tasting different fruits at snack time and also made smoothies.

Another favourite book has been "Jack and the Beanstalk" we acted out part of the story by cutting down the sunflowers in the garden. Next month we will continue thinking about healthy foods, trying some more different fruits. We will hopefully be going pumpkin picking and keeping an eye on our own pumpkins growing in the garden.

