

October 2021

Thank you ...

The children are settling well and have been busy making new friends, exploring the learning areas and being creative. Thank you to all parents for your support as we work together to settle each class into Nursery. We realise that the Induction process can pose difficulties for childcare and pick-ups, however we tailor it to make sure that it gives the children the best possible opportunity to settle fully into Nursery life.

We have been making the most of any dry weather we have had by playing outside as much as possible. It has been a lovely start to the new school year and we are excited for all the lovely times that lie ahead this year.

Dogs in the Nursery School Grounds

We recognise that dogs are important members of the family and many of us in Nursery are dog lovers and have pet dogs at home. We are asking, however, that adults dropping off or picking up their children do not bring dogs in to our Nursery School grounds, to enable us to protect children who may have a fear of dogs and also due to the risk of illness or injury to a child or a member of staff. Please pass this request on to all the adults who drop off or pick up your child – thank you.

Theme -

Our theme for October is '**In the Woods**'

This month we will be exploring the animals and trees and plants that live in the woods and how the seasonal changes affect them. We use stories and rhymes to talk about the nights getting darker and the weather getting colder. It is also Harvest Time on the farm and we have lots of real fruit and vegetables incorporated in our play. We will also be having a taster session of lots of different fruits at snack time. You will hopefully see lots of natural materials and objects in pictures of our play this month. The children will be digging in compost for vegetables, looking at seeds using a magnifying glass and sorting fruit and vegetables for type and colour, using their senses to talk about their textures and smells.

Stories – We will be reading the Usbourne Farmyard Tales series of stories this month, as well as 'A squash and a squeeze', by Julia Donaldson, 'On the Farm' by Anna Milbourne and 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. Other favourites include 'The Gruffalo', 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'.

Please look out for some of these stories online with your child!

Colour –

This month we will be talking about Autumnal colours – **red, yellow, brown** and orange-**orange** will be our focus colour, so please look out for **orange** objects in their environment.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

We look forward to talking with you all during the week beginning Monday 18th October to discuss how your child has settled into Nursery and their progress to date. We will conduct these over the phone, to minimise the number of people who are coming into our School Building.

Parents will be invited to arrange a time for a call from Mrs. Bishop or myself – we will send home more information about these in the next week via Seesaw.

Pick Up Times

Please ensure that you arrive on time to pick up your child at the end of their session. Late pick-ups can be distressing for your child and can cut down very precious planning and preparation time for Nursery staff. Thank you!

Payment of Nursery Fund / School Dinners

Thank you for your Nursery fund payments so far. We would ask that as many parents as possible use the bank transfer or standing order methods for payment of this, to minimise the amount of cash that is coming into school.

Payment for dinners for children in the Full Time Class will begin when your child starts staying for dinner. I will let you know when we will begin introducing the dinner routine to your child later this month.

Items form home

We would be grateful if children do not bring items from home into Nursery school, unless it has been agreed with staff. Thank you.

Change of Clothes

If you haven't done so already, please ensure that you send in a change of clothes for your child that can be used as necessary in Nursery. **These items stay in your child's bag on their peg.** Please remember to *name all items* and replace items that are used when incidents that require a change of clothes occur!

Seesaw

We hope that you are enjoying the updates we are providing through the Seesaw app. Please use the app to contact us if you need to. Messages you send to us are only seen by the teacher and yourself.

Change of Contact Details

Please remember to let us know if any of your contact details change, so that we can update our records in school.

Macmillan Fundraiser

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would still like to send in a donation you can do this by sending it into school, or by bank transfer. We will let you know the total we raised later this week.

Important dates –

Week beginning 18th October – Parent / Teacher Consultations

Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – Half-term holiday





Birthday Boys and Girls

Happy Birthday all of these special boys and girls who will be celebrating their birthday this month ...

Red Class –

Ella

Amelia

Blue Class –

Julia

Octavia

Anais

Many Thanks for your continued support,

Pamela Muir - Principal