

### Autumn 1 – Settling in / All about me

This half term children in Nursery have been settling into Nursery and learning a new routine. They have enjoyed exploring different areas of our classroom and learning how to play in them. This term children have been discussing the golden rules that keep us happy and safe in Nursery. We have also been learning how to be independent in our new setting, for example putting on their coats and changing into plimsolls for PE sessions.

We have had lots of opportunities to learn our names and to get to know each other through circle games and group activities. The children have been enjoying exploring the outdoor area and engaging in lots of different activities as part of their Child Initiated Learning.

It has been lovely to see the children exploring different areas and beginning to develop some friendships!





## Autumn 2 – Let's celebrate!

w.b. 31.10.22

This week in Nursery the children have started learning about different celebrations. The children first learnt about Halloween and talked about their own experiences of dressing up for this celebration. Alongside this, the children were also learning about 'Bonfire Night'. They watched videos of fireworks, discussing the different colours and sounds. It was lovely to see children replicating what they saw into paintings and role play. The children also learnt the story of Guy Fawkes during EY assembly.



w.b 7.11.22

This week in Nursery children have had lots of fun learning about and exploring different patterns. At the beginning of the week children have explored different patterns that they could see around e.g. on fabrics, clothes, pictures, wrapping paper and lots more. We have talked about different patterns such as stripes, spots, zigzag and checks. We all enjoyed coming to school wearing one patterned item of clothing. We have also looked at different animals and their skin patterns such as zebras, tigers, cheetahs and giraffes. We have learnt that animals use their patterns to camouflage or hide to keep safe. We have also enjoyed exploring lots of different patterns in nature e.g. seashells, tree bark, leaves and stones.

This week in Nursery we have introduced 'Busy fingers' activities at the beginning of each session. Children have enjoyed participating in lots of new activities that support development of their fine motor skills.



w. b 14.11.22

This week in Nursery children are celebrating World Nursery rhymes week. We had a dressing up day on Monday and we came to school dressed as a character from our favourite Nursery rhyme character. We have spent lots of time listening to and joining in with singing well

known nursery rhymes such as 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' and 'Humpty Dumpty'. We have learnt new songs such as 'Little Bo Peep' and 'Little Miss Muffet'. During this week children have learnt the Makaton signs for "If you're happy and you know it" song. Children enjoyed dancing and singing songs such as 'Here we go round the Mulberry bush' and 'Ring a ring o' Roses'. In cooking this week we have made delicious apple crumble with golden syrup.



w.b. 21.11.22

This week in Nursery we have had lots of fun celebrating Fred's 4th birthday. We have organised a surprise party for him with lots of yummy food and drinks. We have had lots of fun playing party games such as musical statues and musical chairs. We have written lots of cards for Fred, made him a play dough birthday cake and wrapped up presents for him. He really liked his toy dinosaur and a spiky ball.



w.b. 28.11.22

This week in Nursery children have been learning about their feelings and emotions. We have been discussing what makes us happy and sad. Children have had lots of fun taking photos of their happy/sad and angry faces. Children have learnt Makaton signs to describe emotions such as 'happy' and 'sad'. Children have spent lots of time looking at their family pictures and talking about special people in their lives. During child initiated learning children have enjoyed creating fantastic drawings of their families. We have also introduced the Advent calendar to the children and decorated the Christmas tree.



w. b 5.12.22

This week in Nursery children have been learning about how people celebrate Christmas. We have watched a nativity story on CBeebies and then we have set up our own nativity scene in Nursery. We have been busy practising Christmas songs and making our Christmas hats. As part of our Poetry basket activity the children have been introduced to the first poem called 'Breezy weather, freezy weather'. The children have had lots of fun learning the poem and then adding actions along to the words.

