



Our November 2021 Newsletter



It has been a special and busy half term settling our new children at Nursery and welcoming back our older children. We have been learning lots about their interests and they have shown particular interest in imaginative play and outdoor play.

Autumn seemed to arrive very quickly, and the children have been taking part in lots of different Autumn activities. They loved going for walks in the 'big' garden where they could see the seasonal changes in our environment - our 'big' garden, with the numerous trees, is so beautiful at this time of year.

Our new '**Little Hands Library**' has been working so well, with lots of children showing interest in this. Books can provide so many opportunities for learning and development.



We are implementing the library system using children's book bags. Once books are returned, then the children can choose a further book to take home. Should your child not bring a book home, please just mention this to a staff member.

Environmental



We had a fantastic 'Recycle Week' last term. It was a great introduction to this subject with children learning about different materials such as what is plastic, paper, metal etc and what can be recycled.

We will now continue to promote this learning further in day-to-day practice and we would appreciate it if you could discuss this with your children at home too.

This term we have new, updated actions which are:-

Recycle - we will be looking at the recycling logos with children on packaging, establishing whether items can or cannot be recycled.

Reuse - we are going to continue to reuse any appropriate packaging, boxes, plastic bottles, etc, for children's creative activities. Our children love making musical instruments and very imaginative constructions with these!

Reduce - we are speaking to the children about the importance of turning taps off when they have washed their hands, so we are not wasting water.

Topics

We have lots planned for the new term, we will keep you updated using the parent noticeboard or on Tapestry: -

Week Beginning 1st November - Firework Safety



Within this topic, there will be lots of creative opportunities to make firework pictures and we will be talking about the importance of safety with fireworks.

We are aware that some children do not like fireworks, and they can feel frightened, so we will also be exploring various emotions within this topic.

Thursday 4th November - Diwali

We will be talking about the Hindu festival of Diwali - the festival of light. We are planning some creative activities, as well as having group time discussions. We also have some great books about this festival, which we will be reading and discussing with children.

Week Beginning 8th November - Oral Hygiene

Oral hygiene is an area that we promote with our children whenever appropriate. Discussion about this can arise at anytime when we are playing with children but particularly at snack and lunchtime.

It is also an area that has recently been added to the curriculum of the new EYFS as a statutory requirement.

To promote this even further with the children, we are planning a particular week of fun activities and discussions. There is also a great song we will be sharing with the children - we will keep you updated closer to the time!

Week Beginning 15th November - Road Safety Week

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

by  Brake, the road safety charity

We regularly speak with the children about the importance of road safety but the national campaign of 'Road Safety Week' is always a good opportunity to continue to promote this further.

During this week, we will be planning lots of different activities which will include imaginative role play, small world toys, creative activities, and stories.

Week Beginning 29th November - Hanukkah and Christmas



We will begin this week talking about Hannukah - the Jewish Festival of Lights. This will be followed by our Christmas topic on the 1st of Dec.

There will be lots of fun things planned for both!

Staff Update

We are pleased to inform you that we have a new member of staff joining us from mid-November, Heidi Clark. She is keen to become more involved in a role in Early Years and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her to Little Hands.

Due to the increasing demand for spaces, we are still looking to recruit an extra member of staff, so if you know anybody who may be interested, please let us know.



Christmas Holiday Club

Booking forms for this were sent out last week. Please be aware that there are only limited spaces for holiday club, so if you need particular sessions, you will need to book these as soon as possible. Spaces will be allocated to the forms that are returned on a first come basis.

The deadline date for the booking forms to be returned is **Friday 12th November**.

Lots of Best Wishes



Pippa



Erika



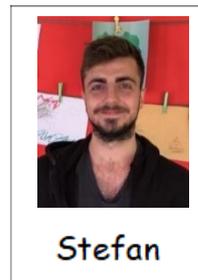
Steph



Lisa



Tracy



Stefan



Charlie



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Term dates 2021 – 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Monday 6th September – Friday 22nd October 7 weeks

25th - 29th October Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December 7 weeks

Christmas holiday club *20th 21st 22nd 23rd December 2020*
4th 5th January

Spring Term 2022

Thursday 6th January – Friday 11th February 5 weeks 2 days

14th – 18th February Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 21st February – Friday April 1st 6 weeks

Easter holiday club *4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 11th 12th 13th 14th April*

Easter bank holidays 15th and 18th April

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May 5 weeks 3 days

(2nd May bank holiday - closed)

30th May - 1st June Half Term Holiday Club x 3 days

(2nd 3rd June bank holidays - closed)

Monday 6th June - Friday 22nd July 7 weeks