

October 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Meteorological autumn has proceeded with being very wet, but the children seem to enjoy splashing in the puddles and kicking the fallen leaves we already have.

As the weather has turned, we are unable to spend the majority of our time outside. The nursery is maintaining ventilation, so it is important to clothe your child warmly. I mentioned previously, the children are enjoying being outside, so please keep bringing in their appropriate "all weather" clothing and wellie boots.

As an early years setting we are updated weekly, regarding covid-19 guidance. It cannot be stressed enough now that we are in our "cold and flu" season, symptoms for covid-19 and "colds" can be similar. The government guidance this week, asks us to remind parents and carers that if your child has a temperature and you have given them a dose of paracetamol/calpol, please do not bring your child into nursery.

The main symptoms of covid-19 are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough, this means coughing a lot for more than an hour or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

We are all in this together and we have a part to play in protecting others and ourselves. Please if you observe any of the symptoms, get a test and stay at home until you get the results.

On 28th we are celebrating Halloween with a themed party and lunch. We are very much looking forward to the planned fun. Many of the traditional activities cannot take place this year but we have other alternatives with covid-19 safety taken into account.

Rob has constructed our winter menu and this is now in place. The menu will be displayed on our web page, shortly. We are sure the children will all enjoy the "winter warmers" that will be offered.

Planning

We continue the autumn term with the theme of Woodland Animals and the sub-heading is Habitats.

The early learning goals and prime area being covered are-

w/c 28th- Moving and Handling

w/c 5th- Technology

w/c 12th- Reading

w/c 19th- The World

w/c 26th- Half term with Halloween Crafts

Book of the Month

The book we are focusing on this month is Handas Surprise. Handa is a kind friend and has an adventure with the fruit basket delivery. To develop your child's recall skills, ask them what happens to Handa's fruit in her basket and the animals she meets.

Song of the Month

This month we will be singing "Baa Baa Black Sheep". The children will be practicing their signing with this song, ask them to show you.

Our autumn display in the nursery is coming along tremendously well and all the children have contributed. When the display is finished it will be posted on facebook. Keep an eye out of our weekly posts.