

## November 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now with the clocks being changed and the evenings drawing in much earlier, it feels like winter is upon us. The temperature now drops dramatically in the afternoon. Please now alongside the warmer coat and wellies, could you please provide your child with a hat and gloves. Also, could you please ensure these are labelled, thank you.

Rob's autumn/winter menu seems to be going down well with the children. The winter warmers are helping with keeping the children feel "cosy". You can find the menu on our website for your information.

We will be taking part in Remembrance Day and we will support the children in completing the minute silence, on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We will also encourage the children to produce a poppy, so you could possibly display in a window at home. I dare say the appeal will be impacted greatly this year due to covid-19.

As like Remembrance Day and many more celebrated occasions this year, we have had to adapt with our current situation. Christmas this year, is potentially going to be a very different experience for us all. We are holding the children a party on the 11<sup>th</sup>. For children that are not in attendance that day, you are invited to bring your child in at 2pm and collect at 4pm. As Father Christmas is shielding, our Elf will surprise the children with a gift this year. The children usually perform their Christmas songs for you on party day, this year we will film and upload on Tapestry for you.

This year we have also missed out on the children having a nursery photograph. Natalie plans to do a Christmas theme shoot on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November. If you wish, you can provide your child with a Christmas themed jumper to change into. Sorry, but we are unable to change full outfits. Natalie will provide a proof and you can order if you wish, from a variety of prints, canvas, mugs etc. A great opportunity for an extra Christmas Present for family members.

The decision has been made to close for Christmas on the 18<sup>th</sup> and reopen on January 4<sup>th</sup>. This is in line with Norfolk school holiday.

Lastly, we must discuss 2021 school admissions. It is this time of year again, we have to plan for the children going to "big school" in September. If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, they are due to start school in reception class. You can apply online now [www.fiso.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.fiso.norfolk.gov.uk) the closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January. If this is the first time you have used Enrol, you will need to create an account, otherwise you can log in details previously used. If you experience any problems or have any concerns, please see Donna.

## Planning

We are continuing the autumn term with the theme of Woodland Animals and the sub-heading is Characteristics.

The early learning goals and prime area being covered are-

w/c 2<sup>nd</sup>- Being Imaginative and bonfire craft

w/c 9<sup>th</sup>- Listening, Attention and Understanding, Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup>

w/c 16<sup>th</sup>- Writing

w/c 23<sup>rd</sup>- Exploring, using Media and Materials.

### *Book of the Month*

This month the book we are giving focus to is 'There's a Monster in the Toilet'. The title suggest this is an interesting book, the children will love the humour.

### *Song of the Month*

The song is 'Incy Wincy Spider', a much loved classic.

This month the children will begin to sing our Christmas song selection and learn the signs to accompany.