

Nursery Newsletter - Autumn 2 2024

We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term break. We have a very busy term to look forward to whilst looking at some of our favourite stories. Thank you to everyone who signed up for our parent consultations before half term, I hope they were informative. Myself and Miss Hughes really enjoyed speaking with you all. If you have not yet had an appointment, please see Miss Bancroft to arrange a time.

On the back of our newsletter, we have added some key vocabulary linked to our weekly topics that we hope you will find useful.



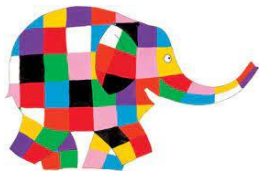
ROOM ON THE BROOM

This week we will be using the puppets to retell the story of Room on the Broom, decorating our own wands using different materials and using our fine motor skills to manipulate playdough into different shapes.



DIWALI

This week we will be learning about the celebration of Diwali. We will be exploring traditional Indian clothing, making our own Diya lamps and listening to the story of Rama and Sita.



ELMER

We will begin our week of learning by listening to the story of Elmer and creating our own large Elmer by using lots of coloured squares to collage.

We will also be using the paint to participate in colour mixing.



THE GRUFFALO

During this week the children will become familiar with the Gruffalo story and have the opportunity to explore the different animal homes. We will be going on a Gruffalo hunt in the garden whilst retelling the story looking for animal tracks and homes.



WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

When the children come into the nursery they will be greeted by a bear cave which we will be exploring. We will share the story together and later in the week retell the story by exploring the different elements using our feet.



STICK MAN

During this week of learning we will be looking at the story of Stick man. The children will make their own stick man character and decorate him with clothes, create and use our own stick paintbrushes & order sticks into height order.



CHRISTMAS

Over the last two weeks of term, we will be talking about our family's traditions and how we celebrate Christmas. The children will have the chance to explore how different countries celebrate Christmas and saying Merry Christmas in our home languages. We will also be creating Christmas cards, calendars and performing our Christmas play to all parents.

INFORMATION

SHOES

Please could all parents ensure their children are wearing **Velcro shoes only** as we encourage them to be independent in taking off and putting on their own shoes.

Could we please ask for children to come to nursery in indoor shoes and have a pair of wellies left here that they can change into.

COLD AND WET WEATHER

With the cold weather on the way, could we please ask children to be well equipped for the cold weather and that all items of clothing are **clearly marked with your child's name**.

STAY, PLAY AND LEARN SESSIONS

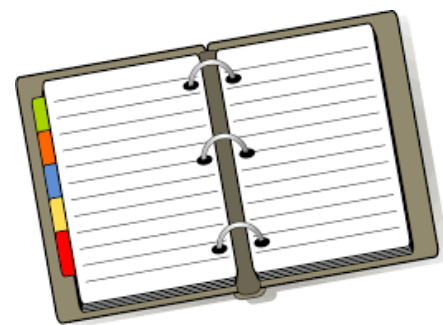
During the week of 18th November, we would like to invite one parent to join their child in the nursery for an hour of activities and learning. Signup sheets have already been emailed for you to sign up. We apologise that due to space in the nursery we are unable to welcome siblings during these sessions.

Thank you as always for your support.

Word aware

	Everyday words	Really useful words	Topic specific words
Room on the broom 	witch cat dog bird frog	broom bow hat long hair	ginger plait whoosh chips broomstick
Diwali	presents fireworks food	family money 	Diya rangoli sari Rama Sita temple
Elmer	red yellow blue green	elephant	jungle 
The Gruffalo	mouse owl snake fox 	deep dark wood stroll	The Gruffalo owl ice cream scrambled snake roasted fox gruffalo crumble
We're going on a bear hunt	bear cave girl boy 	over under through	swishy swashy splish splosh squelch squerch wooo hoooo stumble trip tip toe
Stick man	dog swan river 	family chimney sandcastle pooh stick flag nest	Stick man family tree Stick Lady love
Christmas	presents lights tree decorations food	family shepherds kings turkey brussel sprouts Christmas crackers	Santa reindeers elf carols nativity Jesus 

Dates for your diary



Mon 4th November – Inset day 3

Mon 4th November - Reception 2025 intake applications open via Surrey County Council website

Tues 5th November - Children return to school

Mon 11th November - Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Tues 12th November - Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

Tues 12th November - Odd Socks Day – Hedgehogs – more details to follow

Thurs 14th November – Odd socks Day - Rabbits – more details to follow

Thurs 14th November PTA AGM - more details to follow

Fri 15th November - Children in Need – wear a spotty item

Mon 18th November - Children in Need - wear a spotty item: Hedgehogs

Mon 18th November - Reception 2025 Open Day Tour

w/c 18th November - Nursery Stay, Play and Learn – more details to follow

Sun 24th November - PTA Pantomime at 1.30pm

Mon 9th December - Christmas Performance – Hedgehogs pm – more details to follow

Fri 13th December - Christmas Performance – Rabbits pm – more details to follow

Weds 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day – more details to follow

Fri 20th December - End of term for children: 1.20pm KGB, 1.30pm PAB, 1.40pm Nursery

Mon 23rd Dec – Fri 3rd January 2025 - Christmas Holiday

Mon 6th January - Children return to school