



## October Nursery Newsletter

Welcome to October's Nursery Newsletter, we are delighted at how well the children have settled into Nursery. This month the children will enjoy staying for a school dinner each day and will stay until 1.30pm (1pm every Friday to allow staff time to do a weekly deep clean of all resources). Our topic for October is 'Autumn' where we will be learning about Autumn as a season, looking at how our surroundings are changing, the weather is getting colder and the nights are getting darker. We encourage you to go on an Autumn walk with your child and on seesaw we will send home a list of things to look out for!

During October we will be encouraging children to be able to do the following:

- Put on own coat for outdoor play and attempt to zip it closed
- Change from school shoes to welly boots for outdoor play (Velcro school shoes are preferred as children are unable to tie their own laces at this stage)
- Continue to follow the nursery play routines
- Continue to follow the Golden Rules and Good Sitting Rules for quiet room time.

### Nursery Snack Fund

Monthly £15 Termly £60

This cover snack, educational visitors and extra resources that we purchase for the class (books, toys etc). Please remember to pay this on the School Money App.

## School Dinners

It is important that you go on to the School Money App each week to book your child's school dinner for them in advance. Even if your child is entitled to a free school meal, you must book their meal via this system.

## Getting Ready to Learn

We are delighted to take part in the Education Authority's Getting Ready to Learn programme each year. This year we have secured funding to continue our 'Big Bedtime Read' and 'Ages and Stages' programmes. We have also secured funding to being the 'Happy Healthy Kids' programme. During October we will begin the 'Big Bedtime Read' where children will choose two books to take home each week for their bedtime story. A baseline monitoring form from the Education Authority will be sent home for parents to complete. This helps the EA to evaluate and monitor the successfulness of the programme each year. Further details about the other programmes will be sent home later in the year.

## October Parent Teacher Meetings

Due to the latest guidelines we will be holding telephone parent teacher meetings during the week of 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> October. This is a great opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled and the progress that they are making in their learning. Nursery will close for all children at 12-12.20pm each day in order to facilitate these meetings.



## Songs and Rhymes for October

These are some songs and rhymes we will be learning in Nursery during October.

### The Leaves on the trees

(Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus")

The leaves on the trees turn orange and brown,  
orange and brown, orange and brown.

The leaves on the trees turn orange and brown,  
All through the town.

The leaves on the trees come swirling down,  
swirling down, swirling down.

The leaves on the trees come swirling down.  
All through the town.

The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish,  
Swish, swish, swish, swish, swish, swish

The leaves on the ground go swish, swish, swish, swish,  
All through the town.

### Hedgehog Poem

A Hedgehog is very prickly  
A Hedgehog is very prickly,  
A Hedgehog is very prickly,  
A Hedgehog is very prickly,  
It couldn't be anything else.



Five Little Leaves

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So bright and happy

Were dancing about on a tree one day.

The Wind came blowing through the town.

Whooooooooo Whooooooooo

And one little leaf came tumbling down!

Four little leaves.... Etc.

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

When all the cows were sleeping,

And the sun had gone to bed

Up jumped the scarecrow

And this is what he said:

"I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow

With a floppy floppy hat

I can shake my hands this like and shake my feet like that".

When all the hens were roosting and the moon behind a cloud,

Up jumped the scarecrow and shouted very loud:

"I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow

With a floppy floppy hat

I can shake my hands this like and shake my feet like that"!

