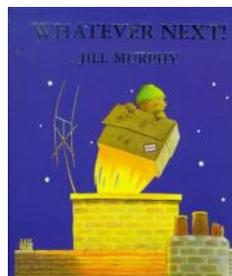
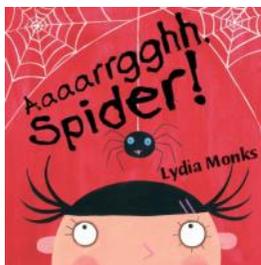


Welcome to Nursery



Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to the second part of the Autumn Term! We hope you all have enjoyed your recent break and that you are looking forward to the exciting activities planned for this half term.

This term we have started a new topic called '**Destination Celebration**' We will be learning all about light and dark and space as well as celebrations, including birthdays and Christmas.

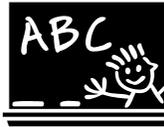
We are very passionate about working closely with parents and carers. We hope that by continuing to work together we can make this half term a happy and very productive one for your child. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to pop in for a chat and we will be more than happy to speak to you. If you would prefer, an appointment can be made with your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hanlon and Mrs Mitchell (Teachers)
Miss Davison (Teaching Assistant)



Some Important Reminders...



Attendance and Punctuality. Please ensure that your child arrives on time for school. The doors open at 9am for a morning/ full day session and our afternoon Nursery session begins at 12.15pm. Good **attendance and punctuality** is important, as it has a direct effect on learning. Children should not take time-off unless absolutely necessary. We are aiming for 98%-100% - please play your part in helping us to meet this ambitious target!

End of the session. School finishes at 12pm for morning Nursery and 3.15pm for afternoon/ full day Nursery. All children must be collected by an adult. It is important that you inform us if someone new is collecting your child. If they are unknown to us we may not allow your child to go with them. If you are late collecting your child (12:10pm or 3:25pm) please go to the office.

Uniforms and Coats. We would be grateful if these could be clearly named. Please ensure children bring a coat to school everyday. We have also asked if wellies can be kept at school too. Please ensure your child comes to school with spare clothes in case of accidents or getting messy during play. Children should also bring in fresh water everyday in their water bottles.

School Website and Tapestry journals. We have lots of information on our school website. We have a nursery page where we will regularly put on photos and updates. Please also remember to log in and check your child's Tapestry online learning journal as all observations and photos are posted on there. We also use Class Dojo, an app that can be used to send messages/ reminders. You should have received an email with a link to this. If you need support accessing the website, Tapestry or Class Dojo, please see a member of staff.

Outdoor Learning

We adopt a forest school approach to learning outdoors. We plan a range of activities to engage our children with the natural environment. The children will be taking part in Muddy Mondays and Forest Fridays where we will be learning outdoors. Some of the activities planned include; collecting objects to make puppets/ pictures, natural art masterpieces, making bird feeders and stick man creations. We have daily access to the outdoor area so it is important that your child is dressed suitably for the outdoors, as we really do go out in all weather.

This term's 'Learning Theme' (topic) is Celebrations! We will be learning about our own cultures and traditions. We will use books such as 'Whatever Next', 'Aaarrghh Spider', 'Stick Man' and 'Dear Santa'.

Literacy. We will be continuing our focus on listening skills and games and we will be listening to environmental and instrumental sounds and matching sounds to pictures. We will be focusing on listening carefully during stories and answering questions about the book. We will also be making firework pictures, stick men and writing our own Christmas cards and making lists/letters to Santa.

Maths. We will be learning that anything can be counted, including counting fireworks, claps and jumps. We will continue to count how many there are during registration and we will also have our advent calendar which we will access during our daily routines. We will be focusing on naming the colours, linking this into every activity we do. We will make our own 2d shape rockets and look at the shapes of different presents and describing these. We will be singing lots of different number rhymes, related to both our topic and traditional rhymes such as 5 little men in a flying saucer. We will look at size, linked to the size of everyday items and presents: large, medium and small.

Understanding the World. We will use the iPads and computers in our class to play on targeted games about celebrations and improve our skills in using them. We will discuss light/dark and encourage the children to talk about what they have learned. We will discuss how we can stay safe on Bonfire Night. We will look at different celebrations and talk about significant events which happen in our lives during circle time. We will learn about Christmas and the Nativity story.

Expressive Arts and Design. We will be painting and drawing firework pictures using different media. We will also be making decorations for Christmas. We will have various creative resources linked to our topics to encourage and stimulate children to create various models and creations across a range of media. We will continue to sing a range of nursery rhymes including 'Row, Row', linked to Nursery Rhyme Week and will explore musical instruments and the sounds they make.

Physical Development. This half term we will be practising getting our jumpers on and off and being independent to get our coat off and hanging it up. We will continue to develop our fine and gross motor skills through activities such as our finger gym, dough disco, squiggle while you wiggle and pen disco. We will also practise our cutting skills with cutting skills sheets and activities such as cutting out pictures from toy catalogues when looking at our letter to Santa.

Communication and Language. All children will be encouraged to use their speaking and listening skills to talk about the topics we are covering and prior experiences they might have, e.g. what did they see/hear on Bonfire Night? We will practise taking turns to speak and to listen to each other. The children will be encouraged to talk about their own experiences and how their families celebrate.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development. We will encourage the children to show independence in activities in the classroom by selecting and using the resources available to them and knowing where they go when they are finished! We will discuss our likes and dislikes and respecting other children's ideas even if they differ from our own. During this half term we will be learning about our differences and what makes us special and unique. The children will be talking about how to make new friends and how to be assertive using their voice.



Ideas for activities to complete at home

- Read texts at home with your child such as story books, magazines, labels on food packaging, signs in the environment.
- When going to the shops, let your child make a shopping list!
- Rip up paper together and play with lego strengthening wrist and finger movements.
- Encourage your child to dress and undress themselves, even with clothes that have zips and buttons.
- There are many things that you can do with playdough too - cutting/snips with scissors, cutting with a pizza cutter, rolling and manipulating it, making models.
- Maths should be learnt in a practical manner e.g. counting the stairs to bed and socks into the washing machine, recognising numbers on buses and doors and so on.
- Play games which allow your child to take turns such as Frustration, snap and any board game.
- If you have an iPad, some fantastic apps which aid learning are; Little digits, twinkl phonics, toca boca apps, lego apps, sand write, magnetic letters.
- Finally, school can be tiring! Please ensure that your child gets enough sleep. Bedtime and morning routines are key to a productive and enjoyable day.

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Autumn 2 Dates:

Parents Consultations Days– Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November

Bus Journey– Tuesday 22nd November (pm) & Thursday 24th November (am)

Nursery Parent Workshop– Tuesday 6th December (11am) & Thursday 13th December (2.15pm)

Nativity– Tuesday 13th December (9.15am)

Christmas Party– Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Pyjama Day– Tuesday 20th December

End of term– Tuesday 20th December 1.30pm finish