



### Trips & Celebrations

In the final weeks of this half term we will be introducing **Black History Month** through story and music.



We will also be celebrating **Harvest Festival** in school next **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October**.



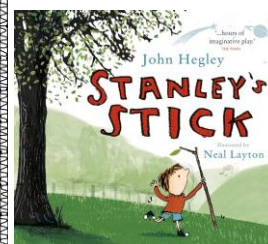
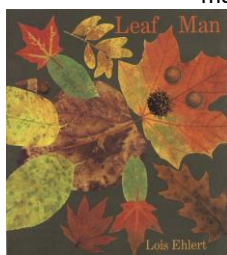
**Harvest Festival**



We will be collecting **Harvest Festival** donations of **non-perishable food** (tins and packets) and **toiletries** for the Bow Food Bank.

On Thursday morning Sun Nursery made their first trip of the year to Victoria Park to look at the environment and to experience **Autumn** through our senses. Thanks to all the parents who shared this important milestone with us. We hope you are proud of how far we have come already!

In Sun Class our word of the week has been '**Autumn**'. We thought about how our five senses can be used to explore our environment. We read poems about our senses. We painted Autumn leaves and we learned some action rhymes about Autumn. We read '**Leaf Man**' by **Lois Ehlert** and then made our own picture using found materials from our walk in the park. This week we have begun the '**Think Equal**' programme by considering the similarities and differences between ourselves and others, including all the different shades of brown of our skin colours. In mathematics we have been counting collections of objects associated with Autumn such as leaves and conkers and learning to maintain 1:1 correspondence as we count.



This week Reception classes have been introduced to the book '**Stanley's Stick**' by **John Hegley**. Their word of the week is '**imagine**' and they have been *imagining* what they could use a stick for. They also wrote a set of rules for using sticks safely and have drawn and labelled their own sticks. In the Tower Hamlets Phonics Programme the children have continued learning the letter-sound correspondence for letters of the alphabet in turn. This includes reading and writing. This week they have focused on the letters **g** & **o**. They will be securing the lower case form of each letter so you may see your child practising the formation at home. In mathematics they have been **comparing** objects and **ordering** them by their size.

### PTA International Food Event



**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**3.30pm** in the library. Bring some food to share or come along to try out different cuisines and find out about the countries they come from.

### Reception 'All About Me' Boxes

The Reception team have been enjoying seeing the '**All About Me**' boxes which your children have been bringing in to share with their classmates. Please feel free to send them into school when they have been completed.

There is no closing date for this activity.

The boxes and contents will be returned after they have been shared.

At the end of this Half Term on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** you are all welcome to attend our **Family Open Afternoon** from **2-3pm**. On this day you will be able to visit your child's classroom and see some of the things that they have been learning and doing during the first half term.

### Clothing, Water Bottles & Lost Property

Please ensure that your child has their changing bag at school every day in case they get wet or dirty. If your child needs to change we will send the dirty clothes home in a plastic bag in their changing bag for you to return the next day.

**We would welcome donations of carrier bags, and any outgrown wellington boots, shoes, leggings, jogging bottoms and socks.**

Children also need to continue to bring a **water bottle** into school every day. Please make sure it is named.

**All personal property should be labelled clearly with your child's name and class!**

It will help us to help your child to learn to look after their property.

**Friday is non-uniform day at Chisenhale Primary School!**

### Half Term Holiday

The half-term holiday will be from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October** - **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**.