

Nursery Newsletter

Friday, 20th October 2023



Dear Families,

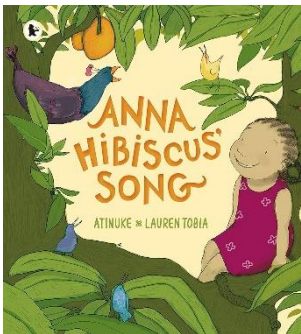
We have finally reached half the term and we are really proud of our children for all that they have achieved thus far.



Our Topic

Marvellous Me:

Our topic for this term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be discovering more about ourselves and our families. We will also get to know more about our familiar surroundings during this time.



Here are some other books that we have been reading in Nursery this half term:

- 1) Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson
- 2) The Colour Monster by Anna Llenas
- 3) You Be You by Linda Kranz
- 4) Anna Hibiscus' Song by Antinuke & Lauren Tobia

Please have a look at the stories online and feel free to talk about the animals, their habitats, the changes in the season and different emotions as portrayed in the stories above as well as our rich cultural heritage. In Nursery, we were learning about 'Amazing Africa' and we took part in a range of activities to extend our knowledge and understanding to make comparisons between other countries and where we live.

Feel free to share fiction and non-fiction books based around other countries when at home and find different countries on a map or a globe.

Notice some similarities and differences, talking about things that make us feel happy and finding ways to feel happy with our families or doing something to put a smile on someone's face.



Here are some of the words (based on the stories) that can be explored with your child at home. In order to check if they understand each word, here are some fun ideas:

- play a game of charades by acting it out and getting a family member to guess the word (use gestures)
- explain what it means using similar words e.g. small/tiny/little
- point to the real object or a picture

large	big	huge	small	tiny	medium
fluffy	Pointy beak	Light feather	scaly	Cosy nest	Snug and warm
country	happiness	feelings	grow	family	pounding yam
equator	jiggle	wiggle	blazing sun	wave	cartwheel

What is Happening in Nursery?

<p>Music</p>		<p>Every Wednesday The children have been learning new nursery rhymes and songs. They have been taking turns to explore some basic instruments to learn how it is played.</p>
<p>PE</p>		<p>Every Wednesday The children have been playing social games focusing on listening and responding to instructions and games that require skills to negotiate space in a safe manner when moving around. They are using vocabulary such as big and small to compare their steps when moving around. They are learning to move in a range of ways e.g. jumping, hopping, balancing, skipping, running, walking...</p>
<p>Everyday Magic</p>	 <p>Storytellers</p>	<p>Every alternate Thursday An engaging storytelling session full of action, song and rhyme where children will be learning to practice their listening and attention skills as well as developing their speech and understanding of stories.</p>
<p>Portuguese</p>		<p>Every Friday The children have been learning a range of Portuguese words through song, action and rhyme. They have been learning to say 'hello' in Portuguese and have been singing songs to label different parts of their body by singing 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in Portuguese.</p>

Ideas to support your child in their development at home:

New Vocabulary	**See list above													
<p>Emotional Well-Being Self-Regulation</p> 		<p>**Encouraging your child to express how they are feeling using words like "happy, sad, angry, mad, worried, scared"</p> <p>**Finding different ways to feel calmer or happier especially when experiencing a range of emotions e.g. asking for a cuddle, taking deep breaths, 5 finger breathing, reading a book, sitting in a quiet space, counting to 10 then talking about what happened etc.</p>												
Phonics Phase 1	<p>**Environmental Sounds What Can you hear? The Sounds Around Us - Phase 1 Phonics - YouTube</p>													
Maths	<p>**Use comparative language to talk about capacity and measurements</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td>jug</td> <td>nearly full </td> <td>full </td> </tr> <tr> <td>bottle</td> <td>nearly empty </td> <td>empty </td> </tr> <tr> <td>volume</td> <td>capacity</td> <td>half full </td> </tr> <tr> <td>measure</td> <td>container</td> <td>half empty </td> </tr> </table>	jug	nearly full 	full 	bottle	nearly empty 	empty 	volume	capacity	half full 	measure	container	half empty 
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Special Events

International Day- 18th October 2023 & God Made Us Special



Important Information

Class Fund: We would be very grateful if you could donate 50p a week to our Nursery fund to enable us to buy resources for cooking, making playdough and gardening as part of our learning experiences. Home Learning (Please refer to Home Learning Sheet)



Home Learning: Autumn Treasure Hunt Fun!



Please use the brown paper bag to collect some Autumn treasure during the half term whilst you take a walk in the park and return the bags on **Monday, 30th October 2023.**

Feel free to email us photos of your walk in the park at YN@st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk

Back to School: 30th October 2023

Thank you in advanced for your kind support, we hope you have a lovely half term!



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Our website is full of what's happening at our school! Do check it out at <http://www.st-marys.rbkc.sch.uk/>

