

# Nursery Newsletter

Friday, 10th November 2023



Dear Families,

We hope you had a great half term. Thank you to all of you who took part in the home learning activities. Our 'Investigation Area' is full of Autumn treasures for our children to access and talk about.



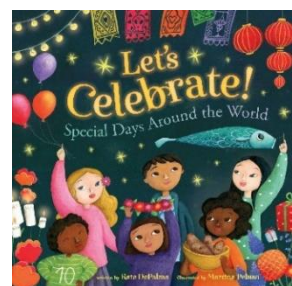
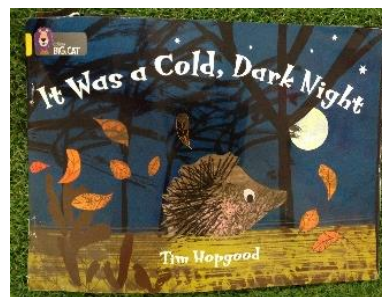
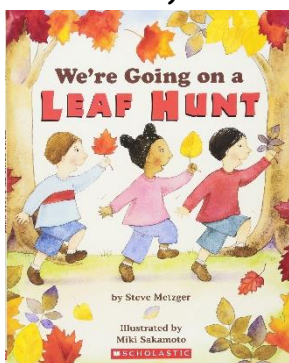
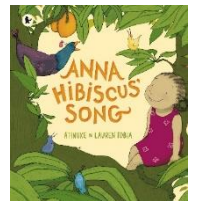
## Our Topic

### Let's Celebrate & Marvellous Me:

Our topic for this term is 'Marvellous Me'. We will be discovering more about ourselves and our families. We will also build our awareness of diversity and inclusion within our local community to embrace our cultural differences, religions, faiths, traditions and ethnicities.

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

- 1) Anna Hibiscus' Song by Atinuke and Lauren Tobia
- 2) It Was A Cold Dark Night by Tim Hopgood
- 3) We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger
- 4) Let's Celebrate Special Days Around The World by Kate DePalma



Please have a look at the stories online and feel free to talk about nocturnal animals, their habitats, the changes in the season (leaves falling down and changing colours) and different emotions as portrayed in the stories above.

Climb climb,  
huff puff ...

Step step,  
squish  
squash..

Slip slide,  
splish splash..

Row row, plip  
plop..





Feel free to share fiction and non-fiction books based around other countries, cultures, festivals and celebrations around the world. Explore a map or a globe.

Notice some similarities and differences in others, talking about our features and comparing them to others. Understanding that God made each of us special.

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



Nocturnal	Hedgehog	Owl	Fox	Rabbits	Bats
Drey	Pointy Spikes	Cosy nest	Den	Burrow	Barn
Under	Over	Through	Around	Across	Back
Tall mountain	Dark Forest	Swooshing Waterfall	Cold Lake	Stinky	Skunk
Maple	Birch	Hickory	Red Oak	Autumn Leaves	
					

### What is Happening in Nursery?

**Music**



**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.

**PE**



**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

	<p>when moving around. They are learning to move in a range of ways e.g. jumping, hopping, balancing, skipping, running, walking...</p>
<p><b>Everyday Magic</b></p>  <p><b>Storytellers</b></p>	<p><b>Every alternate Thursday</b></p> <p>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><b>Portuguese</b></p>	<p><b>Every Friday</b></p> <p>The children have been learning a range of Portuguese words through song, action and rhyme.</p>
<p>New Vocabulary</p>	<p><b>**See list above</b></p>
<p>Emotional Well-Being Self-Regulation</p> 	 <p><b>**Encouraging your child to express how they are feeling using words like "happy, sad, angry, mad, worried, scared"</b></p> <p><b>**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.</b></p>
<p>Phonics Phase 1</p>	<p><b>**Animal Sounds</b></p> <p><b>What sound does the animal make?</b></p>

## Maths



**\*\*Identifying patterns around our environment and using descriptive language when talking about it. Matching the patterns to the correct animal.**

**\*\*Creating a repeat pattern using natural objects**



## Special Events

### Guy Fawkes Celebrations

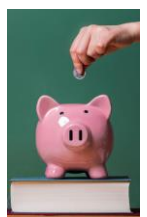


### Important Information

**Odd Socks Day & Antibullying Week:**

**13<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Monday.**

**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)



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

Ms Lazaroo & Ms Gana  
The Nursery Team

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

