

# Nursery Newsletter

Friday, 24th November 2023



Dear Families,

In Nursery, we have been noticing the changes in the weather, how the leaves are changing colours and falling down in our playground.



## 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:

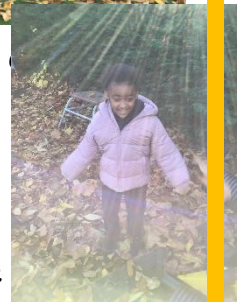
- 1) Anna Hibiscus' Song by Atinuke and Lauren Tobia
- 2) It Was A Cold Dark Night by Tim Hopgood
- 3) We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger
- 4) Let's Celebrate Special Days Around The World by Kate DePalma



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 a 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



Remembrance Day	Poppy	Wreath	Soldiers	Field	Cenotaph
Veteran	Diwali	Festival of Lights	Diya (lamp)	Fireworks	Bhangra (dance)
Popadams	Temple	Peacock Feather	Spicy	Colourful	Ranggoli

## 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 when moving around. They are learning to move in a range of ways e.g. jumping, hopping, balancing, skipping, running, walking...

### Everyday Magic Storytellers



### 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.

### Portuguese



### Every Friday

The children have been learning a range of Portuguese words through song, action and rhyme.



### New Vocabulary

**\*\*See list above**

Emotional Well-Being  
Self-Regulation



\*\*Encouraging your child to express how they are feeling using words like "happy, sad,

angry, mad, worried, scared"

\*\*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.

Phonics Phase 1



**\*\*Clapping syllables in words**

**How many syllables in your name?**

**\*\*Firework Sounds**  
**Pop! Boom! Bang!**  
**Kapow! Whoosh!**



Maths



**\*\* Counting using 1:1 correspondence e.g.**

Place a group of objects (e.g.: shells, leaves, counters, teddies, bottles, cars) on the table. Ask your child to count how many objects there are. Watch carefully and encourage your child to look, touch/point and say the number each time.

**\* Identifying and talking about different shapes around us and using 2D and 3D shapes to build a range of things.**



## Special Events

### Remembrance Week



### Children's Book Project



### Diwali Celebration



### Keep Smiling Tooth brushing



### Important Information

**Parent Consultation Meetings** : 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**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!



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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/>