

Nursery Newsletter

Friday, 8th December 2023



Dear Families,

Thank you for attending our 'Parent Consultation Meetings' last week, it was a great success and we are really proud of how our children have progressed this term. Well done everyone!



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



In Nursery, we have been learning about Mary, Joseph and Jesus by reading 'The First Christmas'. We talked about the characters in the book and the setting of the story which took place in Bethlehem. We used a range of props and costumes in our play to imitate the characters and to re-enact and retell the story in class.



Please have a look at the stories online and feel free to ask your child questions about the characters in the story and how they are feeling. Here are some other things that you can discuss at home:

1. Name the title page (front cover) and identify the 'blurb' (back)
2. Name the characters in the story and talk about their features
3. Talk about the setting of the story



4. Repeat the phrases or common words from the book
5. Talk about your favourite part of the story and explain why is it your favourite



Here are some of the words 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



Mary	Innkeeper	Advent	Bethlehem	Tinsels	Santa Claus	Donkey
Joseph	Shepherd	Advent Wreath	Town	Christmas Star	Father Christmas	Horse
Jesus	Shepherd's Crook	Stable	Reindeer	Christmas Bell	Sleigh	Sheep
Angel	Wise Man/Magi/King	Manger	Baubles	Christmas Hat	Gifts	Cow

What is Happening in Nursery?

Music		<p>Every Wednesday</p> <p>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>
PE		<p>Every Wednesday</p> <p>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>

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**

- Naming characters from the story and clapping how many syllables in their name
- How many syllables in your name?

****Learning about the letter 'S' and identifying words beginning with the same sound.**

- Having a go at writing the letter S

Maths



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

correspondence e.g. Place a group of objects (e.g. baubles, 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 some numerals and linking the same amount to match the quantity e.g. placing 3 baubles on the Christmas tree where the numeral 3 is represented on the card.**

**** Identifying and learning the value of money e.g. 1p coin to buy things from our toy shop. Looking at the price tags and linking amounts to numerals.**

Special Events



Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch 7th December 2023



Advent Season & Christmas Festivities in Preparation



Important Information

Christmas Production: 13th December 2023, Wednesday at 2pm in the school hall. Completed costumes should be brought in no later than Monday, 11th December with your child's name clearly marked on the carrier bag and costumes.

School Closes: 21st December 2023, Thursday at 1.30pm

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/>

