



Our November 2022 Newsletter



It has been a special half term welcoming all our new children and settling our existing children back at nursery after the summer holidays. They have all done so well and it has been so lovely to see them all coming into nursery so happily each morning.

We have been learning lots about children's interests; they have shown particular interest in outdoor play!

Autumn seemed to arrive very quickly, and the children have been taking part in lots of different Autumn activities. They loved going for walks in the 'big' garden where they could see the seasonal changes to our environment - our 'big' garden, with the numerous trees, is so beautiful at this time of year.

Topics

We will continue to explore children's individual interests, extending these as appropriate to promote their learning and development. However, we also have some planned topics for this half term.

These include some safety topics which will be beneficial for the children to extend their knowledge and understanding of how to keep themselves safe.

Planned topics are as follows: -

Week Beginning 31st October - Firework Safety



Within this topic, there will be lots of creative opportunities to make firework pictures and we will be talking about the importance of safety with fireworks.

We are aware that some children do not like fireworks, and they can make them feel frightened, so we will also be exploring various emotions within this topic.

Week Beginning 14th November - Road Safety Week

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

by  Brake, the road safety charity

We regularly speak with the children about the importance of road safety but the national campaign of 'Road Safety Week' is always a good opportunity to continue to promote this further.

During this week, we will be planning lots of different activities which will include imaginative role play, small world toys, creative activities, and stories.

Children in Need - Friday 18th November

For this charity event, we are planning to have a dressing up day. Children are more than welcome to dress up in their favourite costumes - staff will be dressing up too!

There will be lots of fun Pudsey Bear activities on this day too.

Should you wish to donate to this fundraising event, please pass contributions to staff or place in the Children in Need contribution box in the foyer - we will then pass on to BBC Children in Need.

Thanksgiving - Thursday 24th November

We will be discussing this special celebration and planning some fun activities.

Christmas - Our Christmas activities will be starting from 1st December!

Further details of topics/activities will be shown on the parent noticeboard or on Tapestry.

Home Support

Following on from our recent parent questionnaire, we have been exploring using Tapestry to link observations to relevant activities, which you can possibly try at home to support children's learning further.

If you see a blue 'light bulb' sign next to your child's observation on Tapestry, this means it has been linked to an activity idea - we hope these help a little with ideas to try at home!

You can also select 'activities' when using the browser version of Tapestry to see activity ideas - we are in the process of adding further activities to this, so please keep checking for updates with new ideas/activities.

It would be great to have your feedback as to whether you are finding this option on Tapestry useful.



Instagram: For your information, Little Hands have an Instagram account and should you wish to follow us, our account username is: [littlehandsnurseryschools](#)

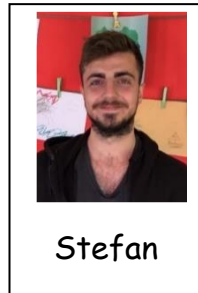


Christmas Holiday Club

Booking forms for this were sent out last week. Please be aware that there are only limited spaces for holiday club, so if you need particular sessions you will need to book these as soon as possible. Spaces will be allocated to the forms that are returned on a first come basis.

The deadline date for the booking forms to be returned is **Friday 11th November**.

Best Wishes



SENCo (special educational needs coordinators) are Lisa Gilbert and Stefan Pantazi.

EHA (Early Help Assessment) and Behaviour Management is Lisa Gilbert.

Designated Child Protection persons are Lisa Gilbert and Stefan Pantazi

Equal Opportunities coordinator is Lisa Gilbert

Nursery Planning for the nursery is Stefan Pantazi.