



Burlington Infant and Nursery School

Nursery Newsletter November 2021

Last half term

Our main focus in September was helping the children settle, make friends and learn all about our Nursery. There are so many fun things to do, learn and play with and the children were soon enjoying themselves inside and outside. Here are some pictures of our Nursery.

		
maths area	technology area	mud kitchen
		
books, books, books	tuff tray exploration	musical area

Our topic last half term was 'Families' and the children enjoyed talking about the photos they brought in and proudly put them on their very own display board in the classroom. We learned more about who is in a family and celebrated 'Black History' month by reading the wonderful picture book, 'So Much' by Trish Cooke. We learned about how it is important to play nicely and look after our things by reading 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children are now getting good at tidying up! Finally, we read 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to help us learn about growing. The children all brought in a plant to care for either inside or outside Nursery. The garden and windowsills now look so colourful. Thank you for the plants! Finally, we celebrated the Harvest Festival and explored all the different foods you had sent in - thank you!



New long term plan

We wanted to share the new Long Term Plan for the Nursery with you. Please take a moment to look at what we will be focussing on over the year. Every Friday we send you a summary of what is coming up in the week ahead in Nursery. It is very beneficial and helpful if you take a little time with your child to talk about it to help them learn vocabulary and get them excited about what they will be learning.

	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
GENERAL THEMES <i>NB: THESE THEMES MAY BE ADAPTED AT VARIOUS POINTS TO ALLOW FOR CHILDREN'S INTERESTS TO FLOW THROUGH THE PROVISION</i>	FAMILIES! Starting school My new class All about me My family Class rules Autumn	JOURNIES Autumn and Winter Bonfire Night Remembrance Day Diwali Christmas Farm animals Plant bulbs Journey through the woods, hill, rivers, fields, farms	MARVELLOUS MAKING Winter and Spring Tapping out rhymes and rhythms Animal names Making music Making dens and camping Making a picnic	EGGTASTIC Plants & Flowers Spring Animals that lays eggs Chicks hatching Life Easter story Easter egg	CARING COMMUNITIES Planting vegetables and seeds Planning a garden Our community People who help us Woodland animals Summer	HEALTHY WORLD HEALTHY ME Crocodiles Being healthy Being brave Moving onto Reception Summer
TEXTS	<i>So Much</i> by Trish Cooke <i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i> <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i>	<i>I'm Going on Leaf Hunt</i> by Steve Metzger <i>I'm Going on a Bear Hunt</i> by Michael Rosen <i>What the Ladybird Heard</i> by Julia Donaldson	<i>Tank Tanka Skunk</i> by Steve Webb <i>Alphonse There's Mud on the Ceiling</i> by Daisy Hurst	<i>Chickens aren't the only ones</i> by Ruth Heller <i>Handa's Hen</i> by Elieen Browne Book week book	<i>Errol's Garden</i> by Gillian Hibbs <i>A Mouse Called Julien</i> by Joe Todd-Stanton	<i>Beware of the Crocodile</i> by Martin Jenkins <i>Brave Bear*</i> by Sean Taylor
'WOW' MOMENTS / ENRICHMENT	Harvest Time Halloween Black History Month Bring a plant to school Planting beans Family photos stay and play sessions	Guy Fawkes / Bonfire Night Christmas Time / Nativity Remembrance Day Diwali Hannukah	Chinese New Year LENT Valentine's Day Science day MANGO day	FUDGE day Book week Rhyme Time Challenge Easter Pancake day Mother's day	Visits from people who help us ie a Gardener,a doctor/nurse, police, etc. Fire engine visit Start of Ramadan Eid	Father's Day Healthy Living Week World Environment Day Moving on Nursery Trip Teddy Bears Picnic WWF Week Life cycle of a butterfly

Overview of next half term

Term begins on Monday 1st November and ends on Friday 17th December. Our topic is 'Journeys'. The table below gives you an overview of the learning and activities we will be focussing on in the 3 year old Nursery. In addition to this all children have a Music session with Mrs Williamson every week. We also have story time every day and learn songs, rhymes and dances every week. In addition the children learn a new makaton sign each week. The children of course have the opportunity to choose their own learning and play inside and outside throughout the term.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Focus/PD/The World/EAD
	C & L	PSED	Maths	Out N About	Phonics	
Week 1	Diwali The journey of Rama and Sita	What I am good at	Introduction to Numicon Exploring number 5.	Exciting journeys What excites me outside?	Naming instruments. Exploring instruments.	Making Diva Lamps Bonfire Night Art
Week 2	Journey I'm Going on a Bear Hunt Part 1	I'm Special, I'm Me	Number of week - 1 Positional Language	Autumn journey I'm going on a leaf hunt	Matching instruments to the sound they make.	Remembrance Sunday making poppies.
Week 3	Journey I'm Going on a Bear Hunt Part 2	Families	Number of week - 2 Positional Language	Follow journey of I'm Going on a Bear Hunt	Moving to the rhythm/beat of instruments - link to story.	Planting bulbs
Week 4	What the Ladybird Heard Part 1	Houses and Homes	Number of week - 3 Counting (spots on ladybirds)	Journey around school and playground. What buildings can we see?	Which animal does the instrument sound like?	Animal homes - what do farm animals live in? Building homes for animals out of junk.
Week 5	What the Ladybird Heard Part 2	Making Friends	Number of week - 4 Same or different? Compare number of spots on each side of ladybird.	Musical journey.	Loud and quiet, fast and slow instrumental sounds.	Making maps Making decorations for the Christmas tree. Hannukah
Week 6	Journey of the thieves. What the Ladybird Heard Part 3	Standing Up for Yourself	Number of week - 5 2D Shapes (printing for xmas cards)	What the ladybird Heard - act out the journey of the thieves.	Play along with shakers and bells to our Christmas songs.	Christmas concerts Making Christmas cards using shapes
Week 7	Christmas Story.	Recap of terms learning.	Number of week - 6	Signs of Winter journey	Recap on instrumental	Christmas party

	The Journey of Mary and Joseph.		2D shapes (printing for xmas cards)	around the school.	sounds.	Christmas lunch
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Dates for your Diary

We would be very grateful if you could bring a bulb or a packet of bulbs to school on the week of the 15th November. The children will plant them and watch them grow next Spring. B&Q or Wilko have a good selection.



We will let you know as soon as possible what the dates and arrangements are for the Christmas concerts. We are hoping to be able to invite parents in to watch our show in the Nursery garden. Our Christmas party will be on Wednesday 15th December - the children can come in wearing party clothes that day. We will let you know nearer the time what we would like you to contribute. Christmas lunch is on Thursday 16th December for Blue Nursery.

Important Information

We hope you have all watched the video presentation by Mrs Davies giving important information for Nursery families. If not you can find it on the Nursery page of the school website. Please remember:

- To read the book your child brings home with them, write a note in the Reading record and return the book bag every Friday. We are very impressed with how well this is going and how much the children are enjoying the books at home.
- We go outside in all weathers so please ensure your child has warm clothes and a warm waterproof coat as well as suitable boots or shoes. Trousers, tracksuit bottoms and leggings are best for Nursery as children can climb, run and go to the toilet by themselves much more easily than in dresses and skirts and tights.
- Check Tapestry regularly for updates and send us photos and videos of what you have been up to at home!
- Talk to your child about what they have done or will be doing in Nursery.

- Look out for your invitation to join a video call with your Key Worker after they have had their spotlight week (3 year olds). One email will be sent to one parent - please check your junk mail if you can't find it!
- Look out for your invitation to meet your Key Worker in the 2 year old team to discuss the 'Two Year Old Check'
- Contact us if you have any questions on Tapestry or at the door - we are here to help!

Thank you as always for all your support.

The Nursery Team