

# VICTORIA NURSERY UNIT



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## November News

### Topic – Dear Zoo

This month the topic will be based on the popular book Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell. The children will learn about the different characteristics and features of the animals in the story, suggest other animals that could have been sent by the zoo and think of suitable words to describe those animals. They will be counting, sorting and matching animals as well as talking about their experiences of visiting a zoo. They will be going on a safari hunt looking for animals hidden outside as well as learning songs and rhymes about animals and moving like the animals too.



Colour of the month



Shape of the month

### Nursery Fund

£3 per week or if you have decided to pay monthly the amount for November is £15 and should be paid on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. **Place the money in an envelope with your child's name, the amount enclosed and nursery fund clearly marked on it.**

### Absence from nursery

If your child is off for any reason please send in a short note when they return detailing the reason for their absence or phone school and leave a message with the secretary.

### Nursery Gate

It is very important that the gate that gives you access into the nursery garden is **kept closed at all times**. Please advise anyone dropping off or collecting your child of this.

### Parking

Please be considerate to those living close to the school when parking. Drive ways and access points should be kept clear at all times. Residents recently contacted the police and a parking ticket was issued as a result!

### Nativity

The children have started to learn the songs for the nativity and the songs are included with November's songs and rhymes.

### Attendance

In Victoria nursery we expect children to attend nursery every day except when they are ill. If your child is going to be off for an appointment, please let Mrs Addis know in writing prior to the appointment. Children should not be collected from nursery early except in exceptional circumstances or by prior arrangement with Mrs Addis.

### Jewellery and hair accessories

**Children should not wear jewellery (including earrings)** to nursery at any time during the year. Hair accessories should be in nursery colours (navy or red). Large bows or similar large hair accessories should not to be worn.

### Colder Weather

Please make sure that your child has a warm coat with them every day. If you are sending a hat and mittens, please make sure your child's name is clearly marked on them. **Please do not send gloves to nursery unless your child is able to put them on independently.**

Dates for your diary

1st Nov – Photographer in school and nursery (sign up by 7pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> October – see previous Evidence Me message)

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Jo Jingles

13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Nursery Nativity in school assembly hall (more details to follow)

16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas jumper day for afternoon children

17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas jumper day for morning children (**nursery closed for afternoon children**)

20<sup>th</sup> Dec - last day of nursery for all children before Christmas holiday

23<sup>rd</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Christmas holidays

5<sup>th</sup> Jan – Open day for prospective Nursery and Primary one pupils

6<sup>th</sup> Jan – nursery reopens after Christmas break

Birthdays this month

Morning – Tamsin, Samuel,  
Kathryn, James, Chloe, Ellie



Afternoon – Freya, Jessica, Ella, Joel, Logan

## Rhymes and Songs for November

Repetition of songs and rhymes can help to develop speech and language, memory skills, listening skills, awareness of rhyming words and a sense of rhythm.

### Five Currant Buns

Five currant buns in the baker's shop  
Big and round with a cherry on the top  
Along came boy/girl with a penny one day  
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

Four currant buns etc

Three etc



### The Elephant

The elephant goes like this, like that  
He's terribly big.  
And he's terribly fat.  
He has no fingers,  
He has no toes, But goodness gracious,  
What a nose!

### A Silly Slippery Snake

(tune: If you're happy and you know it)

Oh, I wish I was a silly, slippery snake. X2

Oh, I'd slither across the floor,

And I'd slip under the door.

Oh, I wish I was a silly, slippery snake.

### Five Little Monkeys

Five little monkeys swinging from a tree  
Teasing Mr Alligator, "You can't catch me!"  
Along comes Mr Alligator, quiet as can be,  
And SNAPS that monkey  
Right out of the tree!

Four little monkeys etc

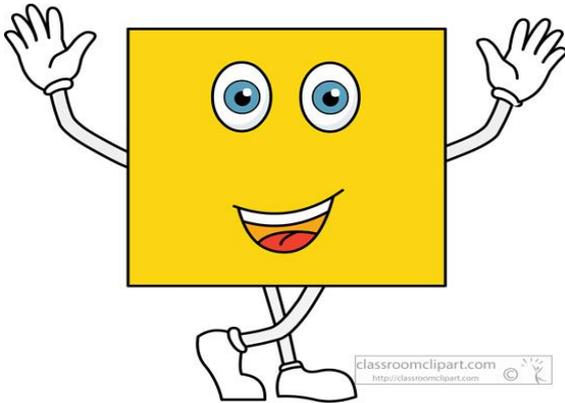




### Sammy Square

Sammy square is my name

My four sides are all the same.



### If you're a .....

(tune - If your happy and you know it)

If you're a giraffe and you know it stomp your feet! X2

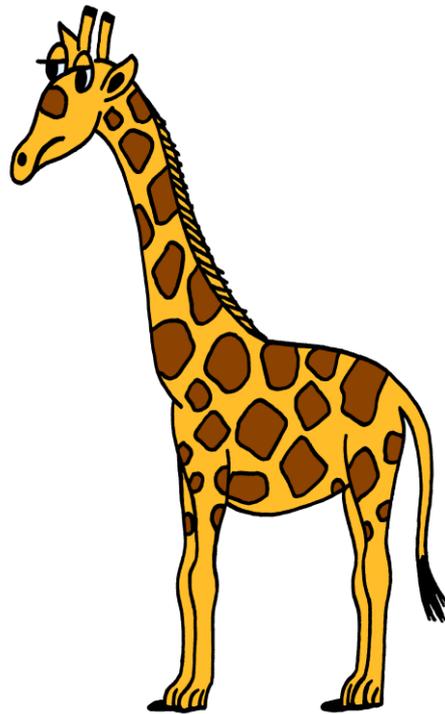
If you're a giraffe and you know it and you really want to show it,

If you're a giraffe and you know it stomp your feet

If you're a monkey and you know it jump up and down etc

If you're a crocodile and you know it snap your jaws etc

If you're a lion and you know it give a roar etc



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