

Eglinton Community Nursery

Newsletter - November

Themes

Our themes are night-time and nocturnal animals.

Colours - Brown and black

We will continue to look for brown. Autumn leaves, twigs, hedgehogs, squirrels. Have a look for some "brown things" at home. Maybe bake some Rice Krispy buns!

We will also start exploring the colour black through dough, paint, paper - spiders, the night-time sky.

Shapes

We explored the triangle and circle a lot before Halloween - the pointy Witches hat, the round circular pumpkin. We will continue to look for these shapes around nursery.

We will also be exploring the star shape as the nights get darker and we see them twinkling in the sky.

Autumn Rhymes

Here are 2 of our favourite rhymes

Autumn Leaves (to the tune of "London Bridge")

Autumn leaves are falling down,
falling down, falling down.

Autumn leaves are falling down,
red, orange, yellow.

Harry Hedgehog picks them up,
Picks them up, picks them up.

Harry Hedgehog picks them up,
He builds a nest.

Harry Hedgehog goes to sleep,
Goes to sleep, goes to sleep.

Harry Hedgehog goes to sleep
Until winters over.

A Hedgehog is very prickly (to the tune of "One finger one thumb keep moving")

A hedgehog is very prickly,
A hedgehog is very prickly,
A hedgehog is very prickly
Now what do you think of that.

Recycled Materials

The children will be starting to explore recycled materials in nursery - through craft, in the sand and water tray. We would be very grateful if you have any recycled materials at home that you may want to donate - loo rolls, cereal boxes, egg cartons, plastic bottles, coffee pods. It will be interesting to see the children's creations!

Also - at the beginning of December the children will start "wrapping gifts" in Santa's workshop...if you have any gift boxes you could donate such as perfume, chocolates, makeup sets, we would be grateful!

Halloween Fireworks

We will be talking about fireworks, what they look like and the sounds they make. There will be opportunities to create pictures and discuss our Halloween experiences.

Night-time

The autumn nights are getting longer, it is getting darker and soon it will be time for bed. The children will have opportunities to play round the theme of bedtime and take part in dressing dolls for bed in pyjamas or night dresses, making supper or breakfast, reading bedtime stories and putting them to bed.

Night time also makes us think of the nocturnal animals who come out of their homes to find food - hedgehogs, owls.

Cookery

Breakfast and supper feasts - making toast, scrambled eggs, cereal! The children will enjoy cooking and exploring new tastes.

Christmas Hampers

Now we are back to school after Halloween we are beginning our preparations for Christmas. We would love your help in creating hampers that will be raffled during the Christmas Coffee Morning. Something useful from Poundland, an item on a 2 for 1 offer in the supermarket - nothing fancy...tinfoil, tinned goods, biscuits, even unwanted gifts you may have at home will all be gratefully received.

Christmas Show

It is already November so Christmas Show preparations will begin soon. We will send home a copy of all the songs we will be learning for the December production.

The nursery Christmas show will be split over 2 days - 13 children one day and 13 children the next. The dates are Monday 2nd December and Tuesday 3rd December. The show will start at 9.15am and last roughly 25-30mins. Refreshments will be provided in nursery until 10.30. You may take your child home with you afterwards.

Children should only attend school the day of their performance. Everyone will be marked 'present' both days. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the door for you to choose a day for your child that would suit you. Parents, grandparents etc may attend the show which will be held in the nursery building.

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Forest School

Sign-up sheet at the door for parent volunteers - November FS.

Dates for the diary

NOVEMBER	
Forest School	Friday 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th November
Mini Professors	Monday 18 th November
Supper with Santa (primary school)	Thursday 28 th November
DECEMBER	
Christmas Show	Monday 2 nd & Tuesday 3 rd December
Breakfast with Santa (children only)	Wednesday 4 th December
Banyan Theatre (in school, children only)	Wednesday 11 th December
Christmas Coffee Morning	Friday 13 th December
Mini Professors	Monday 16 th December
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December

Some Important Reminders

- Please remember to send a coat, hat and gloves to school each day for your child to wear during outdoor play. Make sure that your child's belongings are **NAMED CLEARLY**.
- Bring "HELPING HANDS" and "KIND HANDS" and be ready to "SORT THINGS OUT WITH YOUR WORDS".
- Be friendly and helpful towards friends and staff.
- Due to cooler, wetter weather we will see an increase in indoor play - with that will come more colds, infections and headlice. Keep an eye and be sure to let nursery staff know.
- £3 weekly snack donation
- Breakfast club every morning in main school canteen - pay on school app. Starts at 8am and a member of staff will walk children over to nursery for 8.45am.