



We have had a very busy but wonderful first term back. All children have settled back in really well and we are so impressed with how our new starters have learnt playgroup routines and how they are separating from parents/carers.



We have been spending time at the allotment picking the vegetables we have grown and spending time discussing composting as we compost our waste after snack and lunch which the children have taken to brilliantly, talking about what can and cannot be composted.

We have been making potions with flower petals, water, lemons, and limes and exploring how various tools work.

With a strong emphasis in the

new curriculum on oral hygiene we have been talking about how we should clean our teeth, when best to do this and have been practicing on our model teeth with toothbrushes and toothpaste to try and brush the germs off. We had lots of Halloween fun carving pumpkins, exploring them through messy play and counting pumpkin seeds. We finished the term with a yoga session from one of our parents Nic, which the children loved and were really engaged in. Thank you Nic for coming in to deliver such an imaginative session.



A few reminders:

- We will be closed on Monday 22nd November for an INSET day. We will reopen again on Tuesday 23rd November.
- Our snack rota is now out on the decking. If every parent could donate snack just once a term please then this helps playgroup keep our costs down and the children also love telling everyone what they have brought in to share with their friends. If you are in any doubt what to bring please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to try and inspire you.
- Our parents' afternoon will be held on Tuesday 23rd November from 3.15p-5.15pm. This will be an opportunity for you to talk to your child's key person about their progress during a 10-minute appointment. Please speak to a member of staff if you are unable to make this date for any reason and we will try and make an alternative time convenient for all involved.
- **SAVE THE DATE!** We are hoping that this year we will be able to hold a Christmas carol concert on the last day of term: Thursday 16th December at 1pm. This performance will be followed by a tea and cake sale, raffle and there will be an opportunity to purchase your child's Christmas creations. This is providing covid restrictions allow us too and in line with

government guidance as we will only go ahead if it is safe for us to do so. More information to follow nearer the time.

- Please remember that it is parents' responsibility to give Michelle your 30-hour funding code if you are eligible, if the deadline is missed then hours will still need to be paid at £4.50 an hour. If you are unsure whether or not you are eligible you can check with your details at chilcarechoices.gov.uk

Please see below for you records what we plan to cover with the children over the next term. As we follow the children's interests these are subject to change, but we plan to cover these topics to encourage thinking and development in various areas of the curriculum. If you have any skills or knowledge in any of the areas in this plan please let us know as we find that children really benefit from outside experiences, and we love the children to benefit from the knowledge and expertise of the wider community.

Group Medium Plan November-December 2021

These themes of learning cross over several different areas of the curriculum. These are areas of the curriculum we aim to focus our learning on, however each day we follow the children's interests and learning and guide activities from these.

Focused activities	
01.11.21	Discuss Diwali Make tealights
08.11.21	Firework pictures Firework Safety Stop, drop and roll
15.11.21	Children in need Making maps Going on a treasure hunt Route to playgroup £1 DRESS UP FOR THE WHOLE WEEK
22.11.21	Monday INSET day Looking at different forms of transport
29.11.21	Reading the nativity story Role-play Christmas craft
06.12.21	Make a puppet Puppet show Christmas craft
13.12.21	Christmas concert Thursday 16 th afternoon Merry Christmas everyone!!!!

We return after the Christmas break on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Enjoy the rest of half term

Jen, Donna, Michelle, and Nat x

