

## We need your help

We would like to plan a local trip to Tesco on Wednesday 30th November, in order to buy the ingredients we need for our salt dough decorations for Christmas. We plan to leave at 10.15am and should be back at school by 11.15am. If you are able to volunteer please let a member of the Nursery staff know.



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## Dear Nursery Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new half-term. We hope you all had an enjoyable break and your children are refreshed and ready for the new term.

This newsletter gives you some information about what they will be learning over the coming weeks.

## Reading books

Your child's reading book will be changed every Tuesday and Friday, so please make sure that their reading book is inside their book bag.

In addition to your child having a reading book they have also be given a reading record. This record is for you to document the different books you read with your child (Please include books from home or local library also). There is also a space for you to write comments such as how you child found the book, or what part they found interesting. Please keep this brief.

Even though your child is not a reader yet, you can support them by reading to them emphasising key words and initial sounds, talking about the pictures and asking questions about what you have read together.

## *Autumn and Bonfire Night*

We will be talking about parties, festivals and how people celebrate in different ways.

We will be reading stories about celebrations and will be making and tasting different foods often served at these events. We are learning to imitate everyday actions, through talking about and acting out celebrations as well as making celebrations items.

We will be making classroom displays relating to all things autumnal with the 'treasure' the children have brought in from their autumnal object treasure hunt. We will be looking at Diwali, Bonfire Night, Birthdays and Christmas in particular.

We are looking forward to a great half term and thank you all for your continuing support!



## Maths

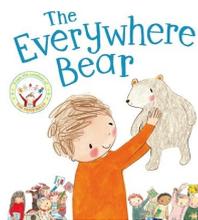
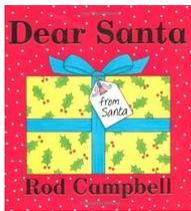
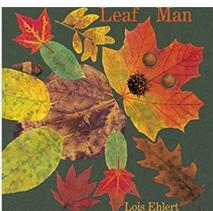
This half term we are going to be focusing on categorising objects according to properties such as size, shape, type and colour. We will also be looking at more and less as well as putting objects in order and stating which is bigger and smaller. We will be reciting numbers to 10 and recognising numbers as digits. You can do this at home too, going on number hunts and counting up to 10.



## Literacy

First up this half term our topic book is 'The Leaf Man' followed by 'The Everywhere Bear' and 'Dear Santa'. We will be reading these stories everyday and basing lots of activities around them. Our focus on reading this half term is to repeat words or phrases from familiar stories. We will be learning new words and actions to go with these books. We will also be drawing a 'Story Map' which visually reinforces the series of events in the book so that the children can recall what the story is about.

In writing this half term we are focusing on gaining confidence on making marks on a variety of surfaces and using a variety of tools. It would be great if you could work towards this at home also through encouraging plenty of drawing and writing.



## A few reminders

- In Nursery we strongly believe that children learn through doing, and with this comes a little bit of extra mess. Be it the food splatter from feeding themselves at lunch time, the black mark made with a pen as they develop their mark making skills or the dirt from our outside area. These activities helps them to improve their imagination and use of descriptive language. Please don't dress your children in clothes that are too special as they may get a little messy, we do our best to keep them covered and clean.
- With the quick change in weather we please ask that you bring appropriate clothing for your children to wear outside. A coat, hat, gloves and scarf when needed. A change of clothes in their bag is also suggested.
- Please **name** all clothing **clearly**. Though we do our best to keep track, it is the children's responsibility to look after their clothing. We encourage them to put anything they don't want straight into their tray or bag, however, this does not always happen in which case named clothing makes all the difference.

