

LITTLE EXPLORERS NURSERY & PARKSIDE EYFS

AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic first half term we have enjoyed at Parkside! Laughter, fun and kindness has filled Early Years at Parkside. The children have settled into life at nursery and school exceptionally well and have all shown real determination when learning new routines, getting to know their friends, key workers and teachers. Thank you to all of our parents/carers who have supported us with the systems we have in place to keep everyone safe and well.

It has been a busy half term. Some of the highlights of our learning include...Little Bears exploring Autumn colours, painting with conkers and learning about the job of a farmer to accompany Old MacDonalD. They are hoping to 'FaceTime a Farmer' soon! Racing Rainbows have been investigating the textures of pumpkins and Autumn. They also enjoyed painting puddles using their own mixtures. Rising Stars have learnt about why changes happen in Autumn, built their own hibernation habitats for hedgehogs following our visit from Quilma the hedgehog. They have enjoyed painting in the style of Jackson Pollock.

On reflection of the changes to the statutory Early Years Framework, we are using Learning Book differently this year. Staff will be uploading 'wow moments' to showcase your child's learning. We invite you to upload any wow moments of your own that you would like to celebrate from home alongside the Learning Book challenge detailed below.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 1st November.

Please stay safe and have a lovely half term.

Kind regards,

Miss Bills & The EYFS team



LEARNING BOOK CHALLENGE

Upload a photo of your child's challenge to [Learning Book](#).

LITTLE BEARS: What can you see and hear on an Autumn walk?

RACING RAINBOWS: Can you put your coat on independently?

RISING STARS: Can you find a list of items beginning with the phonemes: h, b, f, l?



DIARY DATES

School & Nursery reopens: 01.11.21

Parents Evening: 17.11.21 & 18.11.21

Keep your eyes peeled for our Nativity date.

PARKSIDE VALUES

This half term we have focussed on teaching the value of **kindness**. Next half term we will be teaching the value of **honesty**. Please talk to your child about what honesty means and how they can demonstrate this value at home and at school.

NURSERY RHYMES

Have a go at singing these Nursery Rhymes at home. We will be singing these rhymes in school too.

LITTLE BEARS: Twinkle, twinkle. Can you make your own star to use when you sing the nursery rhyme?

RACING RAINBOWS: The grand old Duke of York. Can you find a big hill to walk to the top of just like the Duke did?

RISING STARS: I'm a little teapot. Can you find a teapot and make a drink in it for you to pour out?

READING FOR PLEASURE

We have all enjoyed visiting our school library to choose books to enjoy at school and at home. Some of our favourites from this half term have included: Where's My Teddy? Owl Babies, Dear Zoo, Alice in Wonderland and The Enormous Crocodile.



SHOUT OUT – CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for guttering, piping, tubes, crates and blocks to enhance our outdoor areas. If you think that you could help in any way, please speak to your child's teacher.

We are always grateful for junk modelling materials such as cardboard boxes, empty and clean plastic bottles, bottle tops, yogurt pots etc.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

You have been sent your child's log in details for Google Classroom. Please log on and accept your invitation. We do update our class pages weekly.



As Christmas is approaching, please be aware...

A recent commissioned by the British Toy and Hobby Association (BTHA) found many of the toys tested could choke, strangle, burn, poison and electrocute children.

This report itself includes a list of toys that researchers found were illegal or unsafe. The advice given in Appendix 8 could be useful. You can find the report here: <https://toysafety.co.uk/>

HOUSEKEEPING

Please ensure that your child has a named pair of wellies in school. As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing: a warm coat, hats and gloves.

Rising Stars – Please remember to order your child a dinner from the kitchen via Parent Pay.