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Welcome!

DEAR FAMILIES,

WELCOME BACK TO THE AUTUMN TERM. WE ARE LOVING THE NEW COLOURS OF AUTUMN WE HAVE BEEN SEEING! IT IS A WONDERFUL TIME FOR CHILDREN TO GO OUT AND EXPLORE THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE BEEN ENJOYING THE NEW TERM AND ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES WE HAVE PLANNED FOR THE CHILDREN, AS WELL AS CELEBRATING DIWALI AND HALLOWEEN. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LOOK AT OUR WEBSITE AS WE WILL HAVE UPDATES FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS WE HAVE PLANNED AS IT IS NOW THE LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS! PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES OR SUGGESTIONS AND I WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO ASSIST YOU.

**KIND REGARDS,
LISA KEARNE
BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER**

Indoor Activities!



This month children have been learning about "All about me". They have created pictures of their own faces by either drawing or cutting and sticking out facial features to create their own faces. Activities such as this encourages children to talk about features, it helps them to begin to notice similarities and differences they may have compared to their peers. Doing this helps children to realise that every person is unique and special. The images they have made have then been put around the room for them to see.

Paint Activities!



Toddler room have enjoyed painting using fruit and vegetables. We encourage children to recognise and learn the names of the different fruit and vegetables. The children loved seeing how the different shapes of the fruits and vegetables made different marks on their paper. Painting helps children to learn their colours, as well as helps to improve their gross and fine motor skills. They all enjoyed the chance to put to paint while learning at the same time.

Puzzle Play!



The babies have enjoyed practising inset puzzles this month. Simple jigsaw puzzles help children develop finger strength, perseverance and problem-solving skills. Picking up, moving and twisting the pieces of a puzzle helps children to develop finger strength and hand-eye coordination. Activities like this also helps to promote social learning and cooperative effort, and it helps to promote language skills.

Diwali Special!



In pre-school room the children have recently celebrated Diwali. The children watched a short film all about Diwali and then they enjoyed making Diwali cards. The children put glue onto their Diya lamp pictures and then rubbed their picture into glitter and sequins to create their card. It's important for children to learn about all the different celebrations that go on around the world, as it can help to foster respect and open-mindedness for other cultures.

Halloween Play!



As Halloween is coming up the children in toddler room enjoyed being creative with the dabber pens to colour some Halloween pictures. We encourage the children to talk about the different colours they were using and to see what picture they had on their paper. Using the dabber pens is another way to make different marks for the children. Mark making for children is when they start to intentionally create their own lines, patterns, or shapes using their bodies or tools. It's the first step in a child's developmental journey towards writing and drawing. Activities like this also helps for children to express their emotions through making marks.

Labelling Personal Items

Can all parents / guardians and carers please ensure that all personal items are labelled with your child's name. We have lots of children in and out every day and do not want to mix their belongings up.



Please make sure children are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather

This is just a reminder for parents that if your child requires Calpol or any other over the counter medication for general illnesses, they are not allowed to attend nursery. Please ensure you communicate with the nursery if your child will not be attending.