

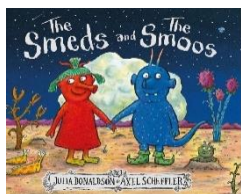


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AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday filled with sunshine, fun and activities! We are looking forwards to welcoming you back to school - and welcoming some new children too, as well as hearing all about your exciting summer break!

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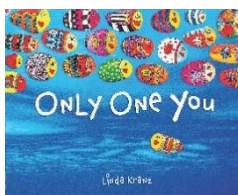
This half term our topic is Ourselves

The children will be exploring this topic through:

- ✓ Stories and non-fiction books
- ✓ Outside role-play
- ✓ Using their imagination
- ✓ Speaking and listening

Some of the things we will be doing include:

- ✓ Discussing who is in our family
- ✓ Learning about different types of families
- ✓ Finding out about our local environment



TOPIC HALF TERM TWO

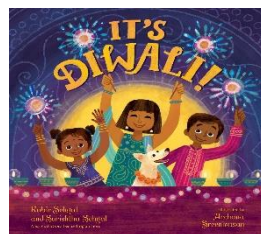
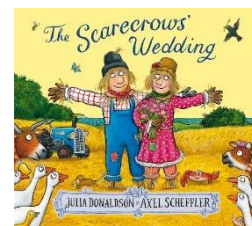
This half term our topic is Celebrations

The children will be exploring this topic through:

- ✓ Fiction books and creating their own stories
- ✓ Speaking and listening activities
- ✓ Role-play
- ✓ Using their imagination

Some of the things we will be doing include:

- ✓ Learning about Christmas and doing fun activities
- ✓ Learning about Diwali and making diva lamps
- ✓ Learning about and role-playing a wedding.
- ✓ Listening to and learning songs used to celebrate different cultural celebrations.



PERSONAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



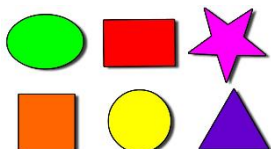
To develop our personal, social and emotional skills, this half term we will be thinking about what makes us unique and be able to tell others what makes us special. We will also talk about our families and learn about our new friends. We will also learn to regulate our emotions, particularly when coming into school.

COMMUNICATION LANGUAGE AND LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

This half term, we will be focussing on developing our vocabulary and confidence speaking in front of our new friends. To do this, we will be learning lots of different nursery rhymes and singing them as a group and performing them individually. We will also listen to and learn some short stories, learning the repeated refrains and retelling them using different props.



MATHEMATIC DEVELOPMENT



In number work, we will learn about some basic shapes, identifying them in the environment. We will also learn to count to 5. We will do this through number rhymes, for example, 5 little ducks and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I caught a fish alive. We will also learn the counting rules and start to count independently to 3.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know....exercise makes your brain function better?



Nottingham Castles and Sherwood classes have PE on a **Thursday afternoon**.

Nottingham Castles and Robin Hood classes have PE on a **Friday morning**.

On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar, we will be learning about:

- National Inclusion Week
- World Alzheimer's Day
- International Day of Sign Language
- Black History month
- Yom Kippur (Jewish)
- Harvest Festival (Christian)
- Show Racism the Red Card
- Diwali (Sikh and Hindu)
- Armistice Day
- World Kindness Day
- St Andrew's Day (Scotland)
- Human Rights Day
- Hanukkah (Jewish)



ONLINE ACTIVITIES & SAFETY TIPS



Children enjoy spending time on tablets and other devices, but to ensure that they remain safe online, it is helpful to set up **guided access** on the iPad. This feature lets you lock the device to a single app, helping your child stay focused and safe while using it. It also prevents accidental clicks or access to inappropriate content.

To enable this feature, go to:

Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access, and follow the steps to turn it on.

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES



Please do not hesitate to come and ask a member of staff in the EYC if you have any questions or queries. You can speak to a member of the EYFS team on the door at drop off times or, if you would prefer to speak directly to your child's teacher please see them when collecting your child at the end of the school day.

Mrs Smith is the Early Years and KS1 Phase Leader and is in school Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She is available to answer any questions. If you would rather speak to her in private, she is more than happy to make an appointment with you.

A CELEBRATION OF OUR LEARNING LAST TERM

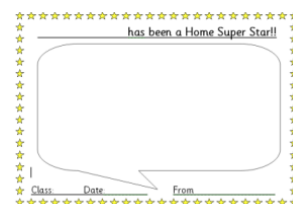


Last half term, we went on Magical Adventures. One week, Mrs Smith got orange fever. She was very poorly and her skin and hair had turned orange. We told Zog and Princess Pearl and they needed our help to make her better. We found an Orange Fever expert who told us about a cure then we went around school to find all the ingredients. We worked together to make the potion and gave it Mrs Smith, who got better straight away and wasn't orange any longer!

GOOD NEWS

In your child's book bag you will find 'WOW moment' sheets. These are for you to fill in to tell us things your child has done that you are proud of. These may be helping to cook dinner, sleeping through the night in their own bed, being brave at the dentist etc. We will read through all of these and celebrate them with your child at school.

If you need more WOW moment sheets, please ask your child's teacher, or collect them from the pouch on the wall in the EYFS entrance.



HOME LEARNING



Reading Diaries

This week we have sent home book bags, reading books and new reading diaries. It is really important you are reading with your child every day. We check the reading diaries daily, so if you have any queries or questions, feel free to write in them and we will respond in the diary or in person.

Reading books are changed every Tuesday and Friday so make sure to bring your book bags in and write in the diaries when you read together.



Rhyme of the Week

Each week, we will send home our 'Rhyme of the Week'. This will be a nursery rhyme that we are learning and focussing on that week at school. Please sing the nursery rhyme together with your child and encourage them to join in with any actions.

INFORMATION

Uniform

In order not to lose any uniform, please ensure all school uniform, including coats and hats etc, are clearly labelled. If you are missing a piece of uniform, ask your child's class teacher or look in the 'Lost and Found' box located in the EYFS entrance.

Jewellery

To keep your child safe at school, children are only allowed to wear a pair of stud earrings and a watch. Please do not send your child to school wearing necklaces, bracelets or dangly/hoop earrings as these may get caught during the school day.



DIARY DATES



HALF TERM ONE

02/09 Start of autumn 1
10/10 EYFS Stay and Play
16/10 Firework Display
17/10 Last day of autumn 1

HALF TERM TWO

03/11 Start of autumn 2
14/11 Children in Need
19/11 School photos
26/11 Parent/Carer Open Afternoon
28/11 EYFS Stay and Play
01/12 Christmas tree decoration assembly (children may wear a Christmas jumper)
03/12 Christmas Fayre 2-4pm
10/12 EYFS/KS1 Production (1.30pm)
11/12 EYFS/KS1 Production (9.30am)
15/12 Winter Disco F1-Y2 4-5pm
17/12 Christmas dinner day
19/12 Last day of autumn 2

MESSAGE FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY TEAM



Very sadly, over the last school year, three children were injured after being knocked over by cars outside Nottingham schools. So, as the new term begins, we're asking for your co-operation to keep the roads outside school calm and safe for everyone.

We're asking all parents or carers who drive children to school, can you

- ✓ **BE TIMELY** – Can you try to get to school in good time, so that you can park away from the school, especially the zig-zag lines, and walk your child/children up to the school gates? This will mean better visibility and a safer environment for everyone.
- ✓ **BE CONSIDERATE** – Please can you park considerately; not blocking the pavements or resident's driveways and turning off your vehicle's engine whilst waiting, to reduce pollution?
- ✓ **BE PATIENT** – Can you please drive carefully and be patient whilst driving away from the school? We appreciate everyone has busy lives, however this has been the main cause of previous accidents.

As we go into the new school term, let's do all we can to keep our children safe. Thank you.
Councillor Linda Woodings, Executive member for road safety, Nottingham City Council.