



Fortnightly – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now settling back in to what seems to be the new norm, with all the current Covid restrictions. Thank you to all the reception parents for supporting their children with their remote learning. The children have responded amazingly to the work set. Also thank you to the teachers for their enjoyable, interactive and carefully planned videos. I have enjoyed them immensely!

Thank you to the nursery staff for managing the new socially distanced drop off arrangements. The children have been amazing!

Over the last two weeks, the children have been getting on with their learning. I have seen children busy and engaged with their own projects during free flow.

and Livia were using the abaci to count to 20 and beyond!

Last Friday we held our 'Black History Month Doors competition'. Congratulations Nursery for coming second place, for their Trish Cooke, British playwright and children's author, inspired collection of work.



In Year 1, Arthur challenged himself with some addition using three-digit numbers! Isobel constructed this wonderful tower with her friends.

In Nursery Dreyson was exploring patterns he could make using the shapes, while Martha

Reception - Kehinde Wiley inspired print background with self-portraits.



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## NURSERY

We have had a very successful return to nursery after the half term break. All the children seem delighted to be back and confidently saying goodbye to their adults at the gate. We have been celebrating Ery and Dreyson's 4th birthdays this week, they enjoyed blowing out the candles on their very special playdough birthday cake!

Year 1 – Celebrating Neil deGrasse Tyson – The famous American astrophysicist, planetary scientist, author, and science communicator.



Dreyson was busy at the playdough table making his own birthday cake using sticks for candles, very creative Dreyson! Thank you both for bringing in books for the nursery to share.

Finally, yesterday Ms Shakes hosted our Back-History Month Curriculum working party. A team of teacher's spent the day creating an exciting and relevant programme of work that will be implemented throughout the whole school during October next year.

We look forward to having Reception back next week!

Have a lovely weekend  
Jessica Mendelsohn Early Years Lead and Assistant Head teacher

We came back to nursery after the holiday to a beautiful yellow blanket of leaves in the garden.



The children have enjoyed exploring the leaves and watching them float down to the ground after they throw them in the air. We have been helping Farouk, our site supervisor by collecting the leaves in our prams and wheelbarrows and putting them in sacks.





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We have now started having our focus children week.

You will be given a form to complete about any special events that might be happening and particular things you would like to know about your child at nursery. Please also email 4-5 photographs that have been taken recently or on that weekend, that your child can share with us. We will then arrange a time for us to call you and have a chat about your child's progress. You will be given your child's completed focus sheet before the call.

Many thanks to those of you who have already taken part in this.

Many thanks to you all for your support with the new saying goodbye routine, it is going fantastically well and we are so proud of all the children for making this adjustment seamlessly.

Wishing you a very restful and safe weekend!

## RECEPTION

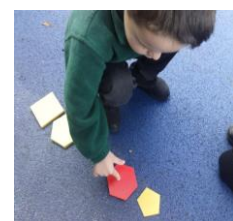
Reception had a wonderful first week back after half-term. Our doors inspired by Kehinde Wiley are now complete and look amazing with our self-portraits. We have had some incredible discussions about our differences and similarities along the way.



Before half-term we became detectives when we visited the field, finding different natural objects and ticking them off our lists. We also investigated the different shapes of leaves and matched them to the pictures.



Last week we used our detective skills in our maths learning! We have been learning the names of 2D shapes and using mathematical language such as 'flat', 'side', 'corner', 'straight' and 'curved' to describe them. We have also been on shape hunts in our classrooms to see what 2D shapes we can find.





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Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we had our first visits to the school library. For most of the children it was their first time inside it and we spent a lot of time looking at the books and deciding which ones we wanted to take home. We hope you enjoy reading them with your children.



We have loved seeing all the wonderful work your children have been uploading during isolation, we miss you and look forward to seeing you again soon!

## YEAR 1

Year 1 have been investigating seasonal change in the playground. We can name the different seasons and recognise that deciduous trees lose their leaves in autumn while evergreen trees do not.



In Hedgehog class the children love to learn and explore outside. Before half term we were using the water butt and working together to fill it back up when the water ran out.

We have also been using lots of equipment to build cars, trains and buses as well as castles and thrones for Kings and Queens!



The children have been helping improve our school environment by sweeping up the autumn leaves.



Inside we have been using every single part of the classroom! A current favourite for many of our children is the maths area where we have been making our own number blocks from the cubes, playing with money and making patterns.





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In maths, year 1 have been learning about money.



We recognise different types of coins and can combine coins to make amounts. There has been lots of excellent story writing going on since we returned. Children have been planning stories using a story map before writing it in order to improve the structure of their writing.

## November

**Wednesday - 18<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm and 5.00pm via zoom**

**Wednesday - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1.30 and 5.00pm via zoom**

**Wednesday - 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.30 and 5.00pm via zoom**

Open day talk and Q and A session. Due to the latest restrictions, our tours will be changed to zoom meetings.

If you are interested, please email or call the school to get the links for the above meetings.

## December

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school**

**Finish at 1.30**

**Nursery Am 8.45 - 10.45 finish**

**Nursery PM 11.30 – 1.30 finish**

**Full time 8.45 – 1.30/1.40 finish**