

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

The last two Fridays have been particularly exciting for our Nursery School children as they embarked on a fantastic trip to St Albans museum. To celebrate and learn about Black History and recognising the diversity of St Albans, the children had the opportunity to explore various exhibits and engage with interactive displays. It was heartwarming to see their enthusiasm and curiosity! Also, a huge thank you to the staff for organising such a great trip.

We believe outings like this are crucial for developing their cultural understanding and broadening their horizons. They encourage exploration and help children connect with their community in meaningful ways. We encourage you to continue these adventures at home by visiting local parks, galleries, or community events.

Have a great weekend and see you next week!



SPOT'S HARVEST

Acorn

Laugh
 Harvest
 Scarecrow
 Pumpkins

SOLOMON CROCODILE

Conkers

Peaceful
 Storks
 Noise
 Double

THAT'S NOT MY CAR

Birch

Door
 Lights

KEYWORDS

We are growing our children's vocabulary by carefully selecting words that will support their understanding of current learning. Keypersons will explicitly introduce the words to their groups then all staff in the room will be using these words throughout the sessions each day

Please look out for the words in each newsletter and support your child by:

- asking your child about these words
- asking your child to say/sign their keywords
- using these words at home in your conversations (where possible!)

Regular exposure to these words at home and at school will maximise the chances of the words being understood and / or used by your child.

DEAR ZOO

Willow

Seat
 Fierce
 Grumpy
 Perfect

Interesting Fact...

Research tells us that a wide vocabulary in childhood is linked to future success both at school and in the wider world!

CLEAN UP- NATHAN
 BRYAN/DAPO ADEOLA

Nursery School

Island
 Surfing
 Sanctuary
 Crew
 Clean

LET'S SIGN...



We teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued. This Month's sign is "Help"
 Please ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.

MUSIC..

This half-term we will be focusing on Jazz music. If you have any Jazz song suggestions, please share them with us.



If you play a musical instrument and would like to share your talent with the children, we would greatly appreciate it.

INFORMATION / REMINDERS

CURRICULUM - WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO - NO INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN

Over the last few years we have moved away from producing traditional learning journals. We no longer use MarvellousMe and we have made the decision not to share individual photos of children. Taking individual photos requires significant staff time; time that could be spent interacting with children, responding to their interests and promoting rich play experiences.



Example: Taking a photo of each child, writing a brief context and sending to the family takes at least 5 minutes per child. This does not sound much; however each staff member has at least 10 children in their group. So nearly an hour's teaching time would be lost a week just to send one photo. Over a term that would equate to 12 hours!



Instead, we have developed strategies that will have a greater impact on your child's learning and progress. These strategies are:

- **Dedicating all of our time in session staying 'in the moment' with your child**
- **Ensuring that children always see faces not screens/devices.**

This way we promote happy, resilient, curious children who make strong progress!



SUCCESS STORY OF THE WEEK!

Museum visit- Black History Months

Today, Owl Group in Nursery school and Birch Room took a sunny walk to St Albans Museum for a session around Black History Month. The children listened to the story of Ruby Bridges, who was the first African American child to attend formerly whites-only William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana. The children learned about the word 'segregation' and completed activities where they identified respectful choices and behaviours. They also explored their own feelings and the sorts of things that make them feel different emotions. The children were a credit to our school with their behaviour and engagement in the session and they really enjoyed this local trip and learning about the importance of Black History Month



Information

We would like to make you aware that we have had a couple of cases of chicken pox in the Nursery. To prevent spreading the infection, keep children off nursery or school until all their spots have crusted over. Chickenpox is infectious from one to two days before the rash starts, until all the blisters have crusted over (usually five to six days after the start of the rash) NHS guideline.

DATES/REMINDERS

- 28th October - 1st November - October Half Term



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