

HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

We value the strong connections we build with families, as these play an important role in your child's growth and sense of belonging. We always love to welcome you in our nursery, whether it's reading a story, playing an instrument, or sharing a special skill or tradition! Your involvement helps strengthen the bond between home and nursery. These moments also create a wonderful sense of community for the children. If you'd like to come in, please speak to a member of our team. We look forward to creating special memories together!



SPOT SAYS PLEASE

Acorn

Play
 Please
 Piece

BROWN BEAR
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Conker

Bear
 Purple
 Brown
 Goldfish

GRUFFALO -SPOT
 AND SAY

Birch

Owl
 Fox
 Snake

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.

Please do share these words with your child in your home language

OWL BABIES

Willow

Feather
 Twig
 Brave
 Silent

Interesting Fact...

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

THE GRUFFALO

Nursery School

Stroll
 Sped
 Feast
 Fled

LET'S SIGN...

FINISHED

As in: FINISHED / ENDED

Open hands (palms in, pointing up) fingers move sharply down on to thumbs.

Sign Images



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

MUSIC..

This half-term we will be focusing on Country music. The song of the week is "Island in the Stream" by Kenny Roger and Dolly Parton.

If you have any country 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 - WHAT DO WE DO AT SCHOOL

- In Muriel Green, we place great importance on creativity and the individuality in children's work. While Christmas cards are a popular tradition, creating them in a production-line style often hampers the opportunity for children to express their own ideas and can become stressful for both children and staff. Instead, we prioritise hands-on, exploratory experiences like mixing colours, exploring textures, joining materials, building, choreographing dances etc... These activities allow children to develop their creativity and skills in meaningful and engaging ways, which we believe are far more valuable than mass-producing cards.

What you can do at home:

- To find out more about our approach please watch our recording 'Why we do not make Christmas cards' by pressing the link!



SUCCESS STORY OF THE WEEK!



This week, a small group of children had a wonderful outing to the library, where they enjoyed an engaging session of signed stories. The children were captivated by the sparkly Christmas Tree and the wonderful signed stories. Outings in the community provide children with opportunities to explore the world around them and broaden their understanding of different people, places, and cultures. Both the adults and children had such a great time and look forward to the next visit!



NURSERY SCHOOL

Cathedral Visit

- Monday 2nd December
- Friday 6th December

Christmas Songs - 3 pm (All Parent are invited)

- Tuesday 10th December
- Thursday 12th December

Last Day of Term

- Friday 20th December (8.30 to 11.30 pick up with no wrap care on this day.)

DATES/REMINDERS

Wear it Festive! Week

Monday 9th to 13th December

We invite all children to wear something festive; Christmas socks, sparkly hairband, red t-shirt etc...



DAY CARE

Christmas Songs - 5pm

- Wednesday 18th December

CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS

If you are thinking of donating to a charity rather than a Christmas card, here is a charity that is close to our heart.

Up on Downs



To donate please visit our Charities Aid Foundation giving page



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