



# Blackthorn Primary School

## Nursery Class Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



Welcome to Acorn Class! We are looking forward to welcoming children to our Nursery Class.

This Curriculum newsletter aims to give you an insight into what we will be learning this term.

Please talk to your child about what he/she is learning at school.

### Our Topic

This term we will be learning all about Celebrations! We will be learning about the different celebrations and festivals that people celebrate and some of the activities they do during this time. Already this week, the children have been making Diwali cards, making Divas and taking part in Diwali dancing. This term, we also plan to toast marshmallows (after learning about fire safety), create Firework pictures and learn about Remembrance Day, as well as take part in lots of Christmas crafts.

### Reading Books



It is lovely to see that the children are engaging with the books that are being sent home and taking an interest in prints and illustrations. Please could we ask that you write us a short note in the Reading Record book to let us know if they've enjoyed the story. It would be great if parents could use the sheet at the **back** of the reading record to make a note of how their child held the book, if they turned the pages, or pointed to the words/pictures by using the Reading Ladder Targets Table. For example, BO1 = Holding the book correctly. For Nursery we are **only** using the first table at the top of the Reading Ladder Targets Table, numbers 1-3. Hopefully this makes sense but if you have any questions please ask a member of staff in the Nursery 😊

Please could we ask that parents bring in their child's reading book **everyday** so that we can read this story with your child at Nursery too. Their book will be changed weekly and they will also have a weekly Nursery rhyme to take home too. Thank you!

### Reminders

Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather. Nursery love to get involved with messy play so there may be times the children come home a little bit messy – but they have just had lots of fun exploring!

Now that the weather is getting colder please could we ask that grown-ups make sure that every child comes in with a coat every day, as we are still outside in all weathers!

If you ever have any questions or queries about Nursery, please always feel like you can come and talk with any of our Nursery staff 😊

### Tapestry

It's lovely to see so many parents logging into Tapestry and viewing their child's learning journey. Please feel free to send in any photos of what your child has been up to outside of Nursery and we will be able to share it with their peers at group time.

If you have any problems logging into Tapestry please ask a member of Nursery staff and we will try our best to help!

### Games to support fine motor development

Manipulating playdough      Using stamps      Pick up small objects with tweezers

Building blocks      Stringing beads      Games with pegs

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Cutting with scissors      Using a hole punch      Q-tip painting

Paint dropper      Threading beads      Using clothespin