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Our values



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Welcome to our October newsletter

The children have returned to nursery incredibly well and we are very proud of how well they have settled. They have already impressed us with their achievements, kindness and compassion towards each other.

This month we will be enjoying to the cosy autumn days and observing the changes in the weather and environment, exploring all the different things you can do with pumpkins. It always feels extra cosy on the darker mornings with the fairy lights on.

Hot lunches

Hot lunches are available to all children in the nursery the cost is £2.65 per day and you can pay each day, weekly, monthly or termly. Lunches can be paid for and ordered on your ARBOR app. Please let a member of staff know if you are ordering lunches.

Dropping off

Please can we ask you to keep to your correct drop off times unless you have agreed an earlier start, as this can affect staff ratios.

Half term

We will be sending the children's bags home over half term in case they need to be refreshed with warmer clothes.

Thank you

Named clothing.

Please can we ask that all children's clothing is named, also with the cooler weather the children will need shoes or slippers to wear in the nursery if they arrive in wellingtons.

Waterproofs

If you are thinking of purchasing some waterproofs for your little one, Lidl are selling their wonderful range of suits and saloppes.

Rhymes to practice at home



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZhODBFQ2-bQ>

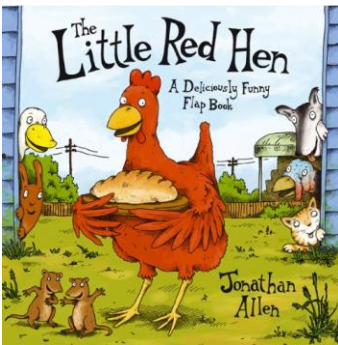
Please show us on Tapestry how the rhyme is coming along at home, or do you have a favourite rhyme you wish to share with us.

Stories to explore and enjoy this month are:

Pumpkin soup



Pumpkin Soup is a story about Cat, Duck, and Squirrel, who live deep in the woods in an old white cabin. Everyone has their own jobs to do when they cook, so cosy mayhem ensues when Duck wants a turn at stirring the pumpkin soup



The Little red hen is a story about a hen who wants help planting and cutting the wheat, grinding the flour and making the bread, but the cat, the rat and the dog refuse to join in - until the bread needs eating!

The moral of this story is that hard work pays off, but laziness has consequences; if we all helped each other, we would all be able to benefit more.

Family photos

We would like to introduce the children to the concept of past, present, future and comparison.

And invite you to bring in photos of yourselves as babies or toddlers and now, a photo of your little one as a baby and now.

Clothing for the colder weather

With the weather becoming cooler, we need to keep our children warm outside; the best way to do this is by putting layers under their clothes, this may be a vest and t-shirt, leggings under trousers and a fleece pair of socks. (Please see attached document)

"There's no such thing as bad weather, only unsuitable clothing." (Alfred Wainwright 1973)



Story Café 21st October 1.30 -2.45pm

Pumpkin Soup

Don't forget our story cafe on Monday 21st October between 1.30 -2.45pm, for all existing and prospective parents to come and join us, and see all the amazing things we do and meet the team. Please park at the church or in the road outside the school. Parking is not allowed in the bus bays as it can cause a bit of congestion.

Journey Sticks

Over half term we are giving you the challenge of creating a journey stick with your child.

Making a journey stick is such an easy, fun outdoor craft to do with your children- and a great low-cost way to have some fun family time. It is perfect for inspiring kids to get creative with nature and explore the amazing natural world.

What is a journey stick?

A journey stick (also known as a story stick or nature stick) is essentially a memento of a nature walk, featuring items collected whilst on the walk. These might be things like leaves, twigs, flowers, feathers, or anything else natural that you find along the way. They tell the story of your journey and a great way for a child to begin story telling.

Please share your journey on Tapestry and bring your stick into show us.



Safeguarding our children, families and staff.

Parking at Stibbard All Saints

Regrettably we need to mention the issue of parking again. There are still some parents/carers and grandparents who have been using the staff parking spaces in the mornings and afternoons. PLEASE do not park in these staff spaces. If staff arrive at school in the mornings and cannot park, they are not able to be in the classrooms in readiness for opening the doors at 8.30 am.

The school playground is open to allow parents/carers to park easily at either end of the school day, so please use this space or the parking available at the village church. If grandparents pick up or drop off, please advise them to not use the staff spaces as we are not able to reach them with this school newsletter. Thank you for your understanding.

Donations of resources

If you are having an autumn clear out, we are looking for donations of:

Crockery (Cups, plates, teapots etc.)



Empty lotion bottle dispensers for water play

Christmas decorations.

Adult clothes for dressing up. (Jackets, waistcoats, shoes etc.)

Garden paint.

Thank you all for your understanding and continuous support.

Sue and the Stibbard Team