



## Nursery Newsletter November 2023

Welcome Back, we hope you all had a good half term! We would love to see what the children have been up to at home. Please send us photos of any trips, special occasions or moments to celebrate from home via Tapestry. Thank you for those of you who have already sent these in, we have loved sharing these as a class. It is approaching Christmas and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to, please add these dates to your diary;



**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Meadows Christmas Market 3pm-5pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 9.00am** – Festive Family Forest School, Parents too!

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Santa (Whole Class is invited for an extra Morning Session)

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Party Day (Whole Class is invited for an extra Morning Session)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am** – Nursery Nativity (Whole Class is invited for an extra Morning Session)

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 am** – Magic Show (Whole Class is invited for an extra Morning Session)

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner Day

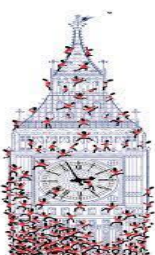
A reminder that school applications for Reception 2024 are now open, we advise you to put three choices as Bromsgrove Schools are often oversubscribed and you may not get allocated your first choice, therefore we advise you add a second and third choice to your application. **The deadline for this is the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



School's will be hosting 'show arounds' in the coming months. Please follow the link to apply online;  
<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-services/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place>

Please let Miss Bailey know when you have submitted your application.

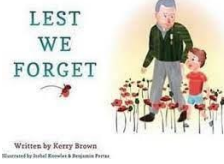
This half term we will be learning about celebrations. In maths, the children will be exploring number, developing their subitising skills. Later in the term we will be exploring shape and pattern. The children will explore several key texts including 'The Gun Powder Plot', 'Circle', 'Square' and 'Triangle, which I am sure they will be recalling at home in no time. I wonder if you can find any of these at Bromsgrove Library, or even find a copy at home? Our scientific enquiries will be around light and dark.



LEST WE FORGET

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**Personal Social and Emotional Development 3-4 Years:**

Develop their sense of responsibility and membership of a community

**Understanding the World, 3-4 Years:**

Begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.

Continue to develop positive attitudes about the differences between people.



As you may already be aware, the ducklings have gone off to live at the farm. The children have really grown to love our duckling trio, caring for them and watching first-hand how they change and grow. Many of the children wanted to keep the ducks, we had a class conversation about our wants and the ducklings needs. We talked about how sometimes in life we have to make tough decisions and that sometimes we need to do what's best not necessarily for ourselves but for others. As you can see they are growing, enjoying the space and they even have a brand-new pond just for them. Along with a fabulous duck house. I have asked the farmer to give us updates so we know they are doing okay and they know that we miss them.



**Understanding the World, 3-4 Years:**

Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.



The Artist we will be learning this half term is Jackson Pollock.

**JACKSON POLLOCK**  
Splashed Paint and Wasn't Sorry.



**Intergenerational Visits**

We are planning to establish some regular intergenerational visits to BDHT Parkside, to broaden our children's links with the community. Intergenerational activities are beneficial to both groups, young and old. They can help build confidence, challenge assumptions and prejudices and help tackle social isolation and loneliness. Our first session will be in December, further information to follow.



We are aware the cost of living continues to have an impact on our children and families, especially over school holidays. As a school we are keen to support where we can. We are able to support you with food parcels to those finding it difficult financially. We also have nappies and uniform available if these would help with rising costs let Miss Bailey know.



Several parents and carers have sought support recently with routines and behaviour at home. Did you know Hereford and Worcestershire Health and Care Trust have PRE-PAID for every parent and carer in Worcestershire to access a course for parents/carers FREE (with access code: **PARENTSROCK** at: [www.inourplace.co.uk](http://www.inourplace.co.uk) for residents in our area. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents about children from bump to 19+ years. • These include • Understanding your child with additional needs • Understanding your child's feelings • Understanding your child's brain • 'Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)' • Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing.

### Parental Wellbeing:



We are aware that this time of year can bring extra stresses and strains along with the seasonal shift. In January Miss Bailey will be leading a 5 week course for parents based on parental wellbeing. The aim of the course is to support with your wellbeing and to support you in identifying things that can affect your mood and self-confidence in both positive and negative ways. We will also be building upon strategies to support the natural ebb and flow of day to day life. The sessions will run on a **Friday**.

To participate in these workshops or for more information and any questions, or to sign up, please speak to Miss Bailey.

Thank you for your continued support this half term,

**Miss Bailey and the Nursery Team**