



# CLASSROOM newsletter



Nov  
2023

## Important Dates

Autumn Term Ends - Friday 22nd December

Spring Term Starts - Tuesday 2nd January

## Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure your child has a labelled warm coat, waterproof suit, hat, mittens, and a pair of wellies. We have some waterproof trousers the children can use at the nursery.



## Let's Welcome

Nancy and Benji

It's great to have you join us in Squirrels!



## CLASSROOM NEWS - SQUIRRELS

Welcome to the second half of our Autumn Term. The Squirrels all seem to have settled well over the last half term, becoming familiar with new routines and their key person.

Our theme this month is 'Night and Day' and our core book will be *Peace at Last*, exploring sounds in the night. We will also enjoy other stories like *One Bear at Bedtime*, *Night Monkey*, *Day Monkey* and *Wow Said the Owl*. We love singing songs like *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*, *5 Cheeky Monkey's jumping on the Bed*, *Hickory, Dickory Dock* and the *Brush your Teeth* song. We will explore morning and nighttime routines by singing *Here we go round the Mulberry Bush*, adding actions like brushing our hair, cleaning our teeth, putting on our clothes and eating our breakfast. The dolls will be fed, bathed, and put to bed including encouraging the children to share bedtime stories. Artwork will explore moon and star shapes using a range of shiny materials and include representations of fireworks. We will use ICT equipment including the light box and torches to explore light and shadows. Children will be continued to be supported in developing their independence with washing hands, coats, wellies, mittens, and hats as it starts to get colder.

The theme for December will be *Celebrations and Christmas* and our core story will be *Dear Santa*. We will be very busy making Christmas crafts, singing Christmas songs and enjoying Christmas stories. If you have any Christmas traditions you would like to share, this would be lovely.

We will continue with our walk rota. If the weather is being kind, we will walk to the park. When it is not so kind, we will use the green and a visit to the small wood to ensure they get some fresh air.

We will continue to send out Next Steps for each child once per half term. These are chosen by your child's key person who will have observed how their key children play and learn, and their interests and needs. For example, if your child loves singing the cheeky monkey's jumping on the bed and is beginning to count, we might use monkey puppets to represent the monkey's and count together developing one to one correspondence, one number for one object.

**JULIE,  
LOUISE, TRACEY, HAYLEY,  
KELLIE, EMILY and MEGAN**