



Half termly review

22ND OCTOBER 2021

FILM CLUB DATES

3pm - 4.45pm

OWLS – Friday 5th

November

RABBITS - Friday 12th

November

SQUIRRELS - Friday 19th

November

BADGERS - Friday 26th

November

HEDGEHOGS - Friday

3rd

December

If you haven't booked a place for your child and would like to, please contact the school office.

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the first half term I would like to thank all staff, pupils and families for their support and commitment to our School. All of our new staff and children have settled in and have enjoyed their experiences so far.

Thank-you if you attended our reading meetings for Reception or our maths meetings for KS1 (one more to come!), thank-you in advance if you have booked your parent consultation meeting.

There has, as normal, been a lot of lovely learning all across the school from making faces, cooking soup, enjoying the outdoors, creating art masterpieces, improving reading, writing and maths skills to watching our friends sing in the harvest assembly.

We return to School on Monday 1st November (remember your clocks go back 1 hour on Saturday 30th October) and as the weather gets colder please ensure children have a named coat everyday.

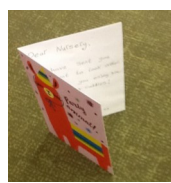
Enjoy your half—term holiday, see you in November.

Take care

Mrs Jo Orbell

Overview Of Nursery This Term

We started learning all about ourselves through our topic 'Marvellous me!' We enjoyed talking about our families, looking at real photographs, making a big family tree and using mirrors to look at the features of our own faces. We learnt 'Hello' and 'Goodbye' songs and spoke about our different ages. Next we started looking at the story 'Dear Zoo'. We all thought this story was very funny! Mr Morris found a very exciting delivery at the school front door addressed to Nursery. We read the card and realised it was from the zoo. We all had to guess what we thought could be inside the box. The children were very anxious to look inside and made great predictions. We were really happy to find a dog inside who liked lots of cuddles. We really enjoyed talking about all the different animals in the story and loved moving like these in PE. We especially liked stomping like an elephant and slithering like a snake. We had a go at mark making the different animals' footprints on a giant piece of paper and even played animal bingo!



Overview of Reception This Term

The children in Reception have settled really quickly. They were really enjoyed taking part in the baseline assessments. This term, we have learnt about families and who is in our own family. Then we focused on our bodies and how to look after ourselves. We learnt about healthy foods, the importance of brushing our teeth and how to keep our body fit. We started to look at what the harvest festival is about and why we celebrate it; learning the songs 'Big Red Combine Harvester' and 'Autumn Leaves'. We then looked at Autumn and the changes in our local area, finishing off learning about Andy Goldsworthy and his use of natural materials to create art-work.

Autumn walk



Overview of KS1 This Term

This half – term, KS1's Topic work has been about the artist, Vincent Van Gogh. We found out lots of facts about him and explored some of his art work, especially his most famous piece called 'Sunflowers'. We drew and painted sunflowers and created a lovely collage. We even posed in a hat and produced a self-portrait in the style of Van Gogh!

Since autumn is here, we went on a walk and collected conkers and leaves; some of us even spotted squirrels! We talked about the signs of autumn, harvest and some children wrote a non-chronological report and poem about autumn.

The children have also been on a visit to the theatre to watch 'Bedknobs and Broomsticks' and some of us wrote an account about our trip. In English, some of us have been writing a story based on a familiar tale, such as Room on the Broom, Grendel and Handa's Surprise.



In Maths, we have continued to look at place value to ensure that children have a good understanding of number value. We have now moved onto addition and will continue this next half- term. KS1 have also just completed a music based unit about long and short sounds. Our values of the month have enabled us to learn about ways of being independent and kind. In ICT, we have explored technology around the home and learnt about staying safe online.



Diary dates

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October - Half Term		
Monday 1st November	8:45am	Children return to school
Monday 1st Tuesday 2nd Wednesday 3rd November	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Nursery Parent Consultation Appointments
Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th November	3.00pm - 5.30pm	School Parent Consultation Appointments
Tuesday 2nd November	3pm - 4pm	KS1 Multi Sports Block 2 (Every Tuesday for 5 weeks) Parents have been informed that their child has a place.
Monday 15th November	Afternoon	M&M Theatre Production—Beauty and the Beast KS1

Attendance

Half Termly Attendance Autumn 1 2021			
Year	Class Name	% Week Commencing 11th October Attendance	% Half termly Attendance
Rec.	Badgers	92.6%	90.8%
Rec.	Hedgehogs	89.8%	90.0%
KS1	Squirrels	92.2%	94.8%
KS1	Rabbits	85.2%	92.2%
KS1	Owls	92.8% 	96.8% 
Total attendance		90.5%	93.0%

Well done **Owls** with an attendance of **92.8%** for the week beginning **12th**

Well done **Owls** with an attendance of **96.8%** for half the term

Did you Know: Lateness also affects your child's attendance %

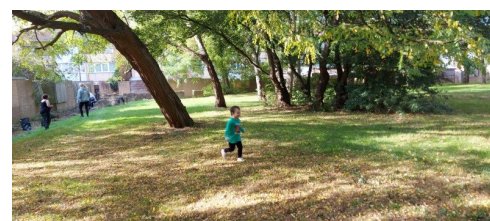
REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Flu Immunisations – Reception and KS1 children

We have sent you a letter about your child's flu vaccination. The letter contains a link to a consent form for you to complete on-line by Monday 8th November. There is now an option for children who cannot have the nasal spray because it contains porcine gelatine to opt for an injectable vaccine.

Thank you to our Community Volunteers

A huge thank you to our Community Volunteers, who turned out last Saturday to help tidy the area outside the school grounds. Here are some photos of all your efforts and the how fabulous and tidy it now all looks.



School photos

If you wish to, don't forget to order your child's school photo by the deadline Tuesday 2nd November. You can order them online—or bring the proof and money to the school office.

Starting School or Moving up to Year 3 in September 2022?

For our nursery children who celebrated their 3rd birthday before 31st August 2021 and our Year 2 children, you need to apply for your child's school place for next September. Please visit the Milton Keynes Council website to make an online application - www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Don't delay. If you are not able to make an on-line application at home, please ask in the school office for help.

If you know anyone who is thinking of applying for a place at the Willows School and they would like to visit to see what we have to offer, please ask them to contact the School office.

REMINDERS AND UPDATES

Harvest Assembly

We are overwhelmed with the generosity from all our families for all the food bank donations given as part of our Harvest Assembly. All donations will be taken this week to the local Food Bank.

Parking outside School

Some parents have raised concerns about inconsiderate parking outside the school. Please don't park on the zig zag lines or block pavements so that parents with young children can't walk past safely. If needed please park a little further from the School, and walk from the car to the school gates.

Half Term Activity Pack

There may be some activity packs left at the Parish Office in Fishermead to help keep them entertained during the October Half Term school holiday.

Fishermead Halloween Party

Please see poster attached for further information.

Parent Consultation Appointments Nursery and School children – Week Beginning 1st November

Please remember to book your appointment to see your child's class teacher through the School Spider App. Don't delay as the spaces are being snapped up. If you need help, please phone or come into the School office

Multi-Sports After School Club

The Multi-sports after school club starting on Tuesday 2nd November is now full and places have been confirmed. If you haven't already paid, please do this by Monday 1st November. If your child no longer wishes to attend, please let us know, because we have a waiting list and can offer the space to another child.

Halloween Party



31st October 2021

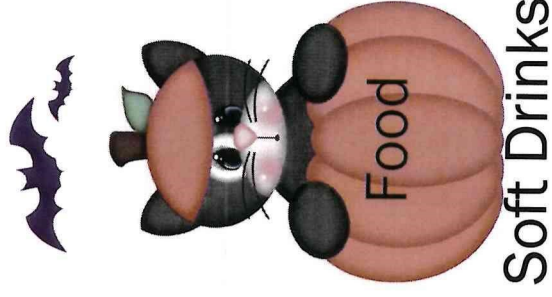
Fishermead Trinity Centre

3pm – 6pm

Please book your place with

Sophie or Frankie

fcasecretary@hotmail.com



Games

Come and have a
Spooky Time

