



Cheddar Grove Nursery Newsletter Term 2



We're Going on a Bear Hunt
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Hello and welcome to Term 2.

A warm welcome back to everyone. The children have settled in well. We have been really impressed by their independence skills with self-care skills and accessing the resources in Nursery.

Alongside the children's individual learning journeys, our learning will focus on **Celebrations and stories**. We will celebrate Bonfire night, the Hindi festival 'Diwali' and the Christian festival Christmas. We will also learn about Remembrance Day and Children in Need. We will read and retell 'We're going on a Bear hunt' by Michael Rosen and 'The Stick man' by Julia Donaldson.

Please remember to stay in touch using our interactive learning diary, Tapestry. We share your child's home experiences with their friends in Nursery.

We all look forward to an exciting term full of awe and wonder. The Nursery Team ☺

As winter approaches, please make sure your child is prepared for all weathers. We spend a lot of time learning and exploring outside so a warm, waterproof coat is essential in Nursery every day. Please also remember gloves and a hat in particularly cold weather. Don't forget to name everything!



Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 2nd - start of term 2

Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th - Remembrance activities in Nursery

Week beginning 8th November - Diwali celebrations in Nursery

Wednesday 17th November - parent's evening 1

Tuesday 16th (Willow) and Friday 17th - donate £1 and wear something spotty for Children in Need

Thursday 25th November - Parent's evening 2

Wednesday 15th December - Nursery Christmas party. More information to follow

In Nursery, we follow the children's lead and encourage learning through play. We will also encourage development in the following areas:

Personal, social and emotional development - We will learn about our feelings and how to be a good friend. We will learn to share, take turns and play in a small group. We will encourage independence and confidence through special helper responsibilities, free-flow play opportunities and small group circle times.

Physical development - During free-flow play, the children will develop gross motor skills by climbing, cycling, scooting and balancing. The children will be encouraged to develop their fine motor skills each week through a range of activities and games. We will be encouraging mark making with many different materials within the inside and outside environments. We will enjoy 'Wriggle and squiggle' sessions to improve our mark making skills. Please support your child to practise putting their shoes and coats on independently.

Communication and Language Development - We will support the development of listening and attention skills with our weekly bucket time sessions, chatter box circle times and other fun activities. As always, your input is invaluable and the children are delighted to see photos and talk about home activities. Please continue to share your home adventures with us as it is an invaluable opportunity to practise communication skills. The children will enjoy daily songs and rhyme sessions.

Literacy - Texts for this term will include 'We're going on a Bear hunt', 'The stick man', 'The Diwali story' and 'the story of Christmas'. These stories all have a repeating pattern and a strong sense of rhythm which allow children to key into and develop language. We will encourage the children to recall parts of the stories and to predict what might happen at the end. We will also explore some non-fiction texts to learn about winter and the religious festivals, Diwali and Christmas. We will play some action games to encourage oral blending such as 'Simon says'. E.g. 'put your hand on your h-ea-d, put your hand on your f-oo-t.

Maths - We will sing lots of number rhymes, using our fingers to count up to and back from 5. During our morning circle times, we count the children, fruit, and milk and compare amounts. We will talk about and compare shapes of construction pieces as we build and spot shapes in the environment. We will create stickmen and compare lengths.

Understanding the world - We will enjoy 'Wild walks' around the school woodland area and we will look for signs of winter and notice how the weather is changing. We will celebrate the Hindu festival Diwali and the Christian festival Christmas.

Expressive Art and Design - there will be lots of opportunities to enjoy process art and we will encourage colour mixing, junk modelling and collage. The children will take part in daily music and movement sessions and we will provide lots of opportunities for imaginary play.