



St. Mark's CofE Nursery

Weekly Newsletter w/b 16/10/17



This half term's theme is 'All about me'

Our overarching topic this half term is 'All about me'. As previously mentioned, all our learning is child-led and follows their interests and preferences. Some of the children have started to bring autumn leaves and conkers into nursery to share with the group. They are aware of the changing weather and have noticed new vegetables such as pumpkins in the shops. We are enjoying singing new songs in preparation for our Harvest Festival. We have decided the children need more of an understanding of why we celebrate harvest and so that they can continue to explore the changing of the seasons, we will focus their learning around 'All things autumn' next week. This will involve a range of learning experiences, including some food tasting. If your child has any allergies that you have not already told us about please inform a member of the Nursery staff.

Things to do at home:

You could help your child to draw or paint a picture of a food that grows on a tree. You could use oranges, reds and browns to create an autumn picture. We would love to see your creations in nursery.

As the weather changes, it is the perfect time for autumnal family walks. Simple things such as, encouraging your child to put on their own wellies and fasten their coat is an important part of their learning journey at this time of year. Collecting autumn items and talking about natural changes, such as the leaves changing colour helps children to learn new vocabulary, explore with their senses and understand the world around them. Please send in anything you find on your walk for our autumn display, we love conkers in nursery as they are great for counting.

Please help:

Harvest Appeal for Syria; we are doing our annual shoe box appeal again this year. As a school, we are putting together a shoe box of small items/ toiletries to send to a child in Syria. Please can you send something in to help this worthwhile cause? Please think of a nursery age child when choosing and buying items. We have special boxes in school that we will transfer the items into, before we can post them off.

Food bank; families are also invited to bring in food donations of packets and tins for our Harvest Festival. Donations will then be given to the Stockton food bank.



Special Events



All nursery and reception parents are invited to join us for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 17th October at 2pm in the school hall. Due to health and safety regulations we can only invite 2 adults per family. Morning children who would like to be part of the service should be dropped at nursery at 1.45 then parents should go round to the main entrance.

If anyone has any questions about absolutely anything, please ask a member of the team and we will be happy to help.

Thanks again for all your support

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