



St. Mark's Nursery

Weekly Newsletter w/b 04/12/17

This half term's theme is 'Traditional tales'

The children have become very interested in how the weather is changing and the fact it is getting darker outside, earlier on an afternoon. We have decided to follow their interests and do a 'pop up topic' all about winter. We will start by learning about the weather in winter, which will include making and melting ice cubes and creating snowflakes in lots of different ways. We will talk about how the frost and ice affects nature and animals. The children will make bird feeders to help them begin to understand how they can help look after the animals at this time of year. We will also talk about snow and explore the colour white. We will have a special white day on Wednesday and children can wear something white if they would like to.

Things to do at home:

You could embrace the cold weather and play outdoors with your child. A wintery walk in a park is a lovely activity for all the family. Talk about why it is so important to wear a hat, scarf and gloves as well as a warm coat. After a while talk about how your face, fingers and toes feel. Can you see your breath? The frost on your car windscreen on a morning is interesting to talk about to your child, as you 'de-ice' the car.

Talking to your child about the changes cold, frosty weather brings is a good idea too, with questions such as, is the grass crunchy when you walk on it and do you leave foot prints on a frosty path?

Please help:

We are introducing a new 'self-registration' system in nursery to encourage children to be more independent with their morning routine. As you may have seen there are two wooden frames in the cloakroom with logs hanging on them. The idea is that on Monday 4th December when you come into the cloakroom every child will have a log with their photo attached to it. There are two frames, one with 15 hour children on and one with 30 hour children on. Your child will find their log (with your help) and pop it into the basket before walking into nursery. To stop congestion please can parents encourage their children to take turns.

Unfortunately we have a growing selection of lost property without children's names on. Please have a look and reclaim anything that is yours. Anything not claimed will be given to charity at the end of term.

Special Events

- **Wednesday 6th December** -White day all children to wear something white if they would like to, as part of our winter topic. This could be a jumper, tights or even just a hairband. We will also enjoy a white snack that day paid for by Winnie the Pooh.
- **Friday 15th December**- Christmas Jumper day. Children can pay £1 to wear a Christmas jumper. All donations will go to our school charities of Toma and Young Minds.
- **Friday 15th December**- Christmas school lunch. Please return the letter if applicable (only for 30 hours children)
- **Wednesday 20th December** Nursery Christmas party. Children can wear party clothes this day. A special visitor often makes an appearance with a festive present for every child paid for by Winnie the Pooh.
- **Thursday 21st December 10am**- Nursery Nativity. More information to follow closer to the time.



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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