



W/C Monday 8th November 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Diwali

Last week, the children celebrated Diwali in a variety of ways, learning all about what the Festival of Light symbolises. The children learned the story of Rama and Sita and had lots of fun making their very own Diyas out of clay. Miss Florine also shared with the children the significance of the Rangoli pattern in Diwali, and the children created their own colourful art using this pattern.



Oak Class Trip to Lloyd Park

The children in Oak Class enjoyed a lovely trip to Lloyd Park last week to partake in a Nature Treasure Hunt. The children enjoyed searching for various items in the park, such as leaves, wildflowers, and conkers!



They learned the word 'habitat' and discussed with the park's conservationists the different animals that are found in the park in different seasons. They spotted lots of squirrels, birds and even looked for some mini beasts amongst the leaves!



Christmas Holiday Club



We will be running our Christmas holiday club on Friday 17th, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st December and Wednesday 22nd December 2021.

If you would like your child to attend, please complete the booking form which has been sent via email. A hard copy is also available at both school doors.

The deadline for returning booking forms is Friday 12th November.

Children in Need



Our fundraising day for this important charity will be on Friday 19th November 2021.

More information about the day's event will be available shortly.

Spring Term Fees 2022

These invoices will be issued from Friday 26th November 2021. Payment should be made on or before Monday 6th December to secure your child's place for the Spring term and then the second instalment on or before the Wednesday 5th January 2022.

All school fees must be paid in advance of the start of the Spring term on the Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Christmas Diary Dates



- **Christmas Party – Thursday 16th December. Info to follow.**

- **Decorate the Christmas Tree – Tuesday 7th December**
- **Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 9th December**

We break up for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday 16th December at 12.30pm and school resumes on Wednesday 5th January 2021

Anti-Bullying and Wellbeing Week

We will mark Anti-Bullying Week during w/c 22nd November with an assembly on respect and kindness, what it means to be respectful and how we should be kind to those who are different to ourselves.

This will complement our wellbeing week which will also take place during w/c 22nd November, where the children will focus on mindfulness and understanding different emotions.

Parents' Corner

The borough has shared a new initiative called 'Chit Chat Pitter Pat'. This is a virtual home learning project for under 5s, designed to support schools and parents in encouraging learning activities at home each week. You can join Chit Chat Pitter Pat on Facebook or Instagram.

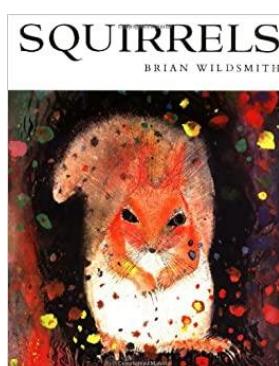


Class Information

Book of the week

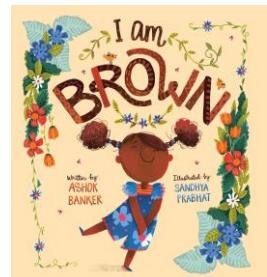
Children's House

Squirrels
By
Brian Wildsmith



Book of the week Nursery and Kindergarten

I am Brown
By
Ashok Banker



Children's House

It was a very creative week in the Children House. We started the week by carving a pumpkin. Children enjoyed helping with drawing facial features and scooping out the flesh and seeds of the pumpkin. The pumpkin was later placed for exploration in the garden among various other Autumnal natural objects.

We continued celebrating Diwali and children learned about this festival using books and various objects that represent this celebration. Children also made their own Diyas using a salt dough and explored different spices used in Indian cooking. Children loved writing and drawing pictures of Diwali in their news books. The week was finished by celebrating Guy Fawkes and learning about fireworks.



We will continue celebrating and acknowledging various festivals. Children will learn about Chhath puja and how blessings are done in Northern India. Children will also learn about the importance of the sun, and they will make a sunset drawing following step by step instructions. Remembrance Day will be acknowledged with a minute silence and a poppy craft. The week will be finished by talking about Children in Need and the significance of this charity. Children will make their own Pudsey using yellow play dough and beads.

Kindergarten - Oak Class

Last week was a lovely and busy first week back after the half-term. The Children were excited to share their Halloween stories and we decorated our own class pumpkin.

We celebrated the festival Diwali by creating our clay Diya's and talked about the Festival of Light. Miss



Florine talked to the class about the 'Rangoli' pattern. A Rangoli is a colourful design made on the floor using coloured rice powder and it is often used by Hindus throughout Diwali. We extended our learning by looking at the world puzzle map and located that India is in the continent of Asia. The orange represents the two halves of the world and is a good way for the children to visualise.

On Wednesday the class had our visit to Lloyd Park. We learnt a new word 'habitat' and the children explored the natural objects and live animals that are in the park. The end of the week saw us talking about Guy Fawkes and we made our own firework art by using marbles in a tray to cover our picture with paint and glitter.

This week, we will continue to look at other cultures, continue with learning our letters and we will be talking about Remembrance Day on the 11th of November.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

After the half-term break children were so excited to tell their friends about their holidays and about Halloween and their costumes. The first day the children carved a pumpkin and decided to put a smile on it.

Last week, Elm class enjoyed festivals of colours and lights. The children learned stories about Diwali, the Festival of Light. We talked about its origin and what people do before and during Diwali. We even made our own Diyas to guide Sita and Rama.



We also talked about Guy Fawkes and why on 5th November we celebrate Fireworks Day. The children had fun creating their own fireworks with lots of colour and glitter!



In literacy, we continued working on the phonetic sound 'c', tracing the letter with sandpaper, and writing it on a board.

For this week children will be learning about the Sun, and we will also talk about Poppy Day. For literacy children will be introduced to the phonetic sound "P".

Nursery

In Nursery, the children enjoyed a week full of creativity. We carved our pumpkins and talked about how we spent Halloween. The children were curious to sensorially explore the inside of the pumpkin.

We continued with our celebration of Diwali with creating Diyas, Rangoli symbols and henna drawings. We talked about how Diwali is celebrated. The end of the week was marked with firework prints and we talked about Guy Fawkes Day.



This week, we will continue to explore how the fireworks are made and talk about how fire is created. We will also talk about how to stay safe around fire. The Autumn season is so full of celebrations, festivals and poignant days, which will be continued this week as we acknowledge Remembrance Day as well as Children in Need day.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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