



Walthamstow
Montessori
School

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WELCOME – ELM CLASS

A warm welcome back to Elm class for our Autumn term. We hope you enjoyed the summer break and were able to enjoy the sunshine and spend time with your families. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Topic for the Autumn Term

Our topic this term will be 'Space'. During a time when young children may feel that their worlds have become much smaller, it could be helpful to remind them that they are part of something so much bigger. Learning about space is about venturing into the unknown, promoting creative thinking, 'what if' scenarios and expanding curious minds. We will be looking at concepts including night and day, gravity and what it might be like to live on a different planet.

Diary dates for events and off-site educational trips for this term will be sent shortly.

For this term I would also like to introduce 'show and tell.' This involves your child bringing in a favourite toy, book, photo, something they have made or a picture they have drawn and would like to share with the class. Language is a continuing focus in class, and this is a great way for your child to gain confidence talking in a small group and explaining their choice of item to bring in and share with the class. This will take place on a **Thursday only**. We ask that children do not bring any personal toys into school on any other day for play as it causes your child a lot of upset when 'borrowed' or lost.

Our 'Out and About' session continues to be on a **Wednesday**. These sessions are designed so that we take the learning outdoors, whatever the weather. Therefore, as the weather begins to change; please can you ensure that your child comes to school with a waterproof jacket and wellington boots which can be left at school making sure they are all labelled clearly with your child's name.

Italian lesson will be on a **Tuesday morning**.

Festivals:

If you are celebrating any religious or cultural festivals at home and would like to share this with the class, please speak to Miss Jessica so we can recognise these and celebrate at school too with parent involvement.

Timetable

Monday: PE

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Tuesday: Italian

Wednesday: 'Out & About' – Forest Schooling

Thursday: Show and tell

Friday: Art / Music

Lunch

Please be reminded that nuts are not allowed to be brought into school as we have children with confirmed severe allergies.

Please also be reminded that we adhere to a grape free policy here at Walthamstow Montessori school as this can be a serious choking hazard.

REMINDERS:

Please can you ensure that all items of clothing and footwear including bags are clearly labelled with your child's name, especially lunch boxes. **Please ensure all children have smocks and plimsolls and that these are worn every day.**

Please be reminded that the school day starts at **9.20am** at the far nursery door. Collection time is **3.00pm** again at the far nursery door, unless your child is attending after school club in which case your child needs to be collected by **5.45pm** from the main school door.

Please ensure that you are receiving weekly newsletters; if you are not receiving it, please let the office know. Our weekly newsletter can also be found on the school notice board and school website along with Term Dates.

Please do not send your child to school if they have been unwell in any way, especially if you have had to medicate them (e.g., give them Calpol/Paracetamol) before they arrive, as once the medicine has worn off, the discomfort of your child being ill will return. Children should not return to school for 48 hours after having diarrhoea or vomiting.

Once again welcome back and as always do not hesitate to ask for an appointment if you have any matters you wish to discuss.

Yours sincerely

Miss Florence

Elm Class Teacher

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