

Willow

Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

At Martenscroft we are expressive, mindful, responsible and inquisitive so we can play, learn and grow.

This half term our learning theme is:

Senses

In each curriculum area we will be learning:

Holistic Health

(Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Mindfulness, Emotional Literacy, Wellbeing

Rights Respecting, Individual Needs)

All about being kind to each other, our families, our friends, our environment and ourselves. We are continuing to develop physical skills and how to safely use the equipment, in particular the scissors. We will be learning some simple dance moves and joining them to make a short sequence. We now have a 'Colour Monster Corner' set up near the door to Willow Room. Here we are supporting the children to continue last term's learning about emotions and use this area to help them regulate their big feelings and emotions.

Home Learning Activity: Talk to your child about what kindness means and how we can be kind to others and to yourself.

Expressive Me

(Communication and Language, Literacy, Languages, Signing & Visuals, Expressive Arts and Design)



Our Key Literacy Texts, Night monkey Day monkey, The Owl who was afraid of the Dark, The Best Diwali Ever, Moon-Night Time Around The World and What the Ladybird Heard At Christmas. The children will encounter some new vocabulary such as nocturnal, routine and senses. We will be introducing them to more Spanish words and sign language related to colours. We will be exploring colour, mixing colour and finding out what happens when we mix paint, we will be painting bonfire/fireworks pictures and printing poppies. We will be celebrating Diwali and Christmas with lots of wonderful creative activities, costumes and stories.

We will be learning new Autumn poems and Christmas songs and making up our own actions and dances for the songs.

Home Learning Activity:

Choose some of our key text stories to read with your child.

Global Responsibility

(Eco School, Cultural Diversity, Global Citizenship, Environmental Impact, Community Responsibility, Research Projects)

All about the 'Rules' in Nursery and explaining about the 'Rights' all children should have with our Rights Respecting Policy

Home Learning Activity: Ask your child to help to sort out the materials that can be recycled into the brown, blue and green bins.

Inventive Ideas

Maths, Understanding the World, Technology, Engineering, Cooking, Social media)

All about Autumn and the changes that we can see happening outside including light, dark and shadows. We learning about numbers up to 5 and to instantly recognise amounts without counting (subitising)

Home Learning Activity: Play a game with a dice, call out the number of dots without counting. Make collections from fallen leaves and explore their texture/ shape and colours.

Reminders:

Please check that your child's bag has a full change of clothes.

Please can you make sure they have warm waterproof winter coats.

Please can you send a pair of named wellington boots to keep at Nursery.

Thank You.

Quote of the term:

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do

so much." - Helen Keller