

Little Blossoms Newsletter

October 21st 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun filled term at Little Blossoms. The children have settled in really well and all seem to be enjoying nursery life. We have spent lots of time getting to know the children, through all about me activities. These are great at finding out what the children enjoy, who are important to them and how they like to learn/play.

The children have been on lots of outings this term, Bath City Farm, Moorland Road Library on the bus and the shops and parks. The children love these outings, and have been a credit to you all. At the farm we fed and stroked the animals, talked about how to take care of them and life cycles. We shared books at the library and chatted with the librarians, who complimented our children on their impeccable behaviour. The children visited the charity shops and bought some games to bring back to Little Blossoms.

Autumn has inspired lots of activities with colour, texture and how/why things change. This also led to our hungry caterpillar as the children showed in an interest in life cycles. Diwali was great fun, with paint explosions, light shows, dancing, baking and stories. We also explored Black History month with child friendly books and activities about Rosa Parks and even Stormzy!

We have continued with our curiosity approach. This is at the centre of our curriculum, it allows us to follow each of your child's interests, learning styles and places them at the centre of everything we do. We use a range of resources to inspire their curiosity, urging them to investigate, discover and tinker. The children then become thinkers and doers, as they can choose what they want to do with our support and encouragement.

In addition to this we have also reintroduced our book of the week. We are trying to encourage a love for books from an early age, as this encourages early language and prepares children to go on to school. The activities around our book of the week are very open ended, so they can still explore and play with them how they wish. All of our activities are optional, so children can choose to get out whatever they like, or play inside or out all day.

Next term

In term 2 we will be continuing in the moment planning around the children's interests. We will incorporate Halloween, bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Hanukah and of course Christmas.

We plan to do some Christmas songs with the older children in the Church at the end of term which you will be invited to. For the Buds we will be inviting parents in to do Christmas crafts with them at the same time.

From next term your children will bring home a library book, they can keep this for a week, but then please return it so we can swap it for another one. Our book of the week after half term will be Room on the Broom.

We also have Blossom Bear who you can take home for the weekend, or on holiday. Please post pictures and your child can come back and tell us what they have been up to.

We will be continuing with our language for life project next term. Lucy and Tiger have been busily assessing the children and Lucy is setting targets for some of them next term.

Dates:

First day of term 2 Monday 31st October (dress up for Halloween if you like)

Concept photography visit – Thursday 3rd November 8.30-12.

Last day of term – Thursday December 15th (16th closed for staff inset)

SAFEGUARDING

If any of your contact details have changed, please keep us informed. Also, if your child is unwell, please can you text us to let us know they will not be attending, the LB number is 07497391917.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great week off,

Best Wishes,

Kerry and the team.

***Remember to request to join our private Facebook group Little Blossoms Members. ***