



November Newsletter

We are pleased to bring you the November newsletter, sharing with you some of the children's activities and areas of learning along with tips on how to support learning at home

A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

As we move into the upcoming season, all the senior members of staff are working hard behind the scenes preparing the Nursery for our festive events.

We have a lot to do to transform the Nursery into a magical place in the lead up to Christmas.

The children will be enjoying lots of arts and craft activities to help the staff make the Nursery look amazing.

We thoroughly enjoy the company of all our Millwood House families and look forward to welcoming you back into the Nursery in December for our stay and plays and Christmas productions.

We have a small number of crocheted Poppies for sale priced at £5.00 each. All proceeds will be donated the Royal British Legion. Please see Tina or Sharon if you would like one.

Best Wishes
Sharon Avery, Nursery Manager & **Tina Evans**, Deputy Manager

A LOOK BACK AT OCTOBER



The **Ladybird Room** have enjoyed exploring the Autumn sensory table with different colours, textures and shapes.

They have also been using their senses to smell the cinnamon scented playdough whilst using their fine motor skills to manipulate the playdough.



The **Caterpillar Room** have enjoyed going for nature walks around the garden looking at the leaves, twigs and wildlife, collecting natural resources to explore further on the tuff tray.

The Caterpillars also went on a squirrel hunt and created their own squirrel pictures.

And, let us not forget jumping in muddy puddles; always a favourite!!

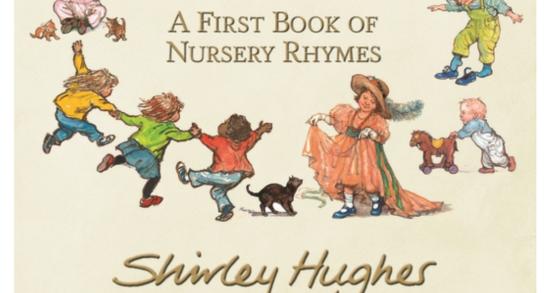


The **Butterfly Room** have made a Gruffalo display using items found in the garden to create the different animals found in the book.

The Butterflies also enjoyed the Autumnal Farm Shop especially the Brussel sprouts; counting them, peeling them and posting them.

The children also enjoyed Apple Day and even made an Apple Crumble for their tea.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD ROOM



The **Ladybird Room** topic will be 'Nursery Rhymes'

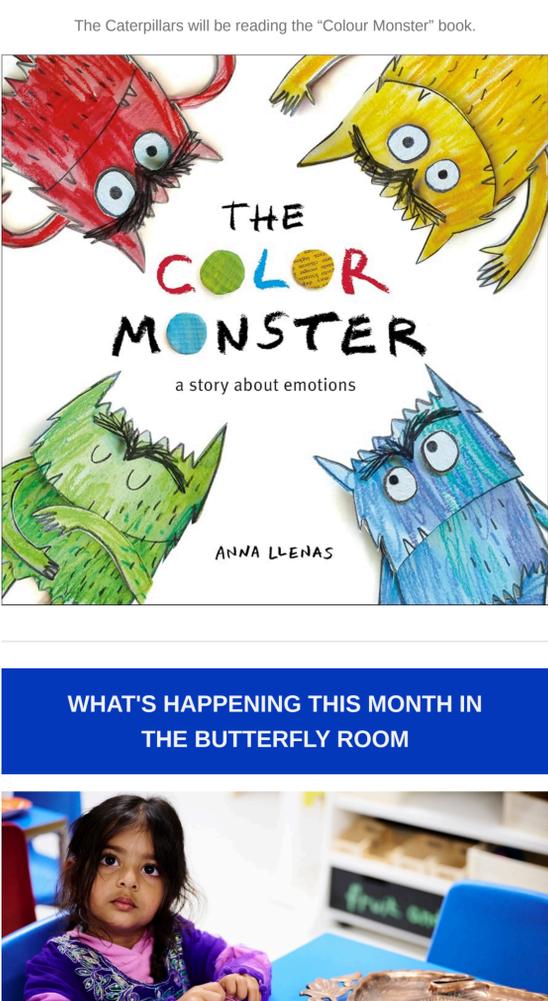
The children will sing daily nursery rhymes to support National Nursery Rhyme Week. Nursery rhymes are extremely valuable to support communication and language skills in the early years.

We will use song bags to engage the children in new nursery rhymes and action songs.

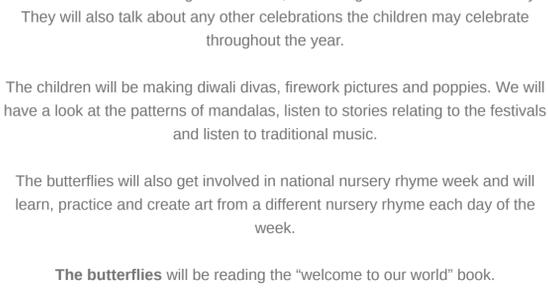
We will make play dough to sing "5 Current Buns in a Baker's Shop". We will also set up 5 speckled frogs and 5 little ducks in the water tray to introduce counting words.

The children will also be making firework and poppy pictures this month.

The Ladybirds will be reading a book of nursery rhymes.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM



The **Caterpillar Room** topic will be 'Colours'

The children will be exploring a vast variety of colours used in celebrations, such as Diwali and Bonfire Night. The children will enjoy mixing colours to create their own shades to make firework pictures and paint Diwali Divas.

The children will also be creating their own colour monsters and talking about why they chose the colour and what it means to them.

The Caterpillars will be reading the "Colour Monster" book.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM



The **Butterflies** topic will be 'festivals and celebrations'

The children will be talking about Diwali, bonfire night and remembrance day. They will also talk about any other celebrations the children may celebrate throughout the year.

The children will be making diwali divas, firework pictures and poppies. We will have a look at the patterns of mandalas, listen to stories relating to the festivals and listen to traditional music.

The butterflies will also get involved in national nursery rhyme week and will learn, practice and create art from a different nursery rhyme each day of the week.

The butterflies will be reading the "welcome to our world" book.



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME

The **Ladybird Room** will be sending home "Millie" our Nursery reading elephant with a nursery rhyme book for the children to enjoy at home. Some of you may have already met Millie and enjoyed bedtime stories.

The **Caterpillar Room** would like you to continue talking about colours you see out and about as well as hair colour, eye colour and clothes, etc. Maybe give eye spy a try with colours.

The **Butterfly Room** would like you to encourage the children to practice putting on their own coats and shoes and zip them up.

Please continue the conversations about festivals and celebrations at home with your children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st November we will be celebrating Diwali and would like to invite the children to wear traditional clothes or colourful clothes.

5th November we will be taking photos of the children.

10th December Stay and Plays, Santa, and the Butterflies Christmas Play performance.

Ladybird and Caterpillar Rooms will host a Christmas Stay and Play with refreshments from 9.30am-11.30am, during which the parents and children can visit Santa in the grotto and receive their gifts.

The Butterflies will start their Christmas Play performance at 2.30pm, after which they will visit Santa and have refreshments.

17th December Elf Day and Christmas Lunch. The children are welcome to dress in elf/festive clothing

17th December 4.00pm Carols in the Garden. Everyone is welcome.

We will be welcoming a small brass band of 5 volunteers from the Salvation Army who will play 5 Christmas songs for the children to sing along to. The staff and parents are encouraged sing along too.

After the singing we have a Raffle full of lovely prizes, many of which have been donated by local businesses. We will start selling tickets towards the end of November.

We will also provide light refreshments for everyone.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Nursery closes on Tuesday 24th December and reopens on Thursday 2nd January 2025

We have had some lovely reviews left for us on The Day Nurseries website. please feel free to leave a [review](#). You can ask member of staff for a form or use the QR code link that can be found on the outdoor notice boards