



Nursery Newsletter

Friday 18th December 2020



December has come round far too quickly and that's Term 2 over and done with. It's been one very different Term 2, due to Coronavirus. Thankfully our Nursery children are healthy and we hope this remains into the Christmas week.

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our first 'Virtual Parents' Evening' As a team we spoke to 85% of our parents and it was lovely to hear your comments. We hope the evening was informative for you as well?

If you were not able to see your child's keyworker, please let a member of staff know and we will re-schedule your appointment for in the New Year.

We have now live on our Social Media platforms, so please do follow us at The John Wallis Academy on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

All that's left for me to say is Have a lovely Christmas and we will welcome the children back from Monday 4th January 2021.

Staffing News

I would just like to say a massive thank you to all the Nursery team. They have worked so hard over the past two terms and it's been quite a stressful one with all the Covid restrictions in place.



Online learning Journeys – Tapestry

All parents should have now received their account details with children assigned.

Over the Christmas break, try and upload an observation of your child doing something different, fun, or playing with their favourite toy.

Upload a video, photograph or type an observation. We cannot wait to see what you get up to over the Christmas break.



Fees

Please make sure payments are made promptly in accordance with our payment schedule. As we are a new nursery we will need to make sure that all fees are paid and that the nursery accounts are in a positive balance and not a negative balance. We must show that our nursery is sustainable with the Local Authority. If you do have any difficulty with making a payment, please contact the office to speak to either Mrs Hodgins or myself

MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK

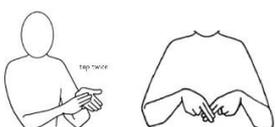
Week 1 –Hello and Goodbye



Week 2- Drink and Eat



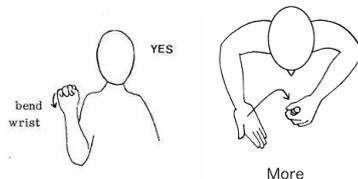
Week 3- Mummy and Daddy



Week 4 –Sit down No



Week 5- Yes More



Week 6- Toilet Sleep



Dates for you Diary

- Payment Date –January invoice
- First day of Term 3 – 4th January 2021
- Last day of Term 3 - Friday 12th February 2021





Toddler Room – Term 2

In the Toddler Room we have enjoyed lots of exciting activities planned around the children's interests.

Our themes this term included:

- We're going on a bear hunt
- Fireworks
- The Gruffalo
- Winter/Christmas

Here's what we have been up to:

Our Role play area

The children showed a big interest in our hairdressing salon, they children thoroughly enjoyed doing each other's hair. The children showed brilliant imagination by putting on make-up with a paint brush whilst looking in the mirrors.

Winter / Christmas

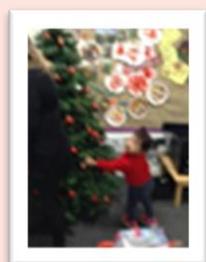
We had our first bit of snow this term and the children really enjoyed feeling the texture of the snow and looking at the marks it makes. We encouraged the children to talk about how it feels and what they can see. It was very cold.

Our favourite stories

- Gruffalo
- The Gruffalo's child
- We're going on a bear hunt

Our favourite songs

- Christmas Pudding
- When Santa got stuck up the chimney
- Jingle Bells
- We wish you a Merry Christmas.



Pre-school Room - Term 2

This term we have begun learning about 'Phonics.' We use the Letter's and Sounds programme. The children have been split into small key groups and each group are working on different phases. Some of the children are concentrating on Phase 1 which is listening and continuing sounds. Some children have started learning their sounds through Phase 2. The Phase 2 children have begun learning the phoneme: 'S'. They are developing an understanding of words with the S initial sound and how to write the grapheme 'S'. Each letter has a song which is part of The Jolly Phonics



S (Tune: The Farmer in the Dell)
The **s**nake is in the grass.
The snake is in the grass.
/sss!! /sss!!
The snake is in the grass.



Action: Weave your hand in an 's' shape, like a snake, and say, sssssss.



Here's what we have been up to:

This term we have learnt about 'Fireworks' and how we have them to celebrate Bonfire Night.

We created artwork using different media and we practised our cutting skills

First Aid

We also learnt about how to help someone if they are poorly. We spoke about different ways someone can be ill and what to do, we even practised the 'Recovery Position.'

Maths

In Maths we have been focusing on our numbers. We have worked on our rote counting, gathering a given number of objects, recognising digits and our number formation.

Remembrance Day

The children learnt about the symbolism of the poppy and we joined in with the 2 minutes' silence on the 11th November.

Health and Self-Care

This Term we have focused on being able to put our own coats on. The majority of the children can now do this independently.

We have introduced the 'Curiosity Cube.' This cube includes items/clues as to what the children will be learning in the week. On this occasion it was all about one of our favourite stories, 'Pete The Cat.'