

Important Dates to Remember

**Last day at school
Fri 17th December 2021
(There is no After School on this day)**

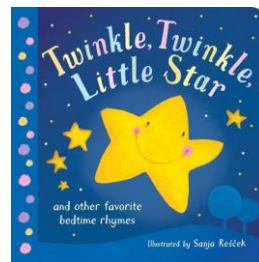
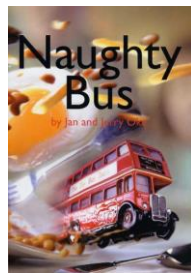
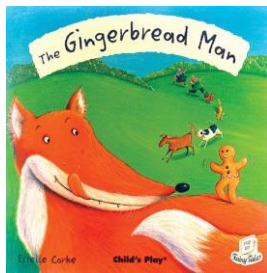
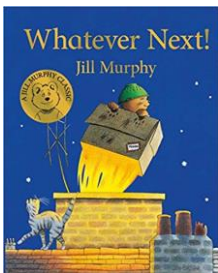
**Christmas Holiday
Monday 20th December 2021 – Tuesday 4th January 2022
Children return on Wednesday 5th January**

Learning Journey Books

There's been some great learning this half term. Children loved experimenting with different ways to melt ice found in the garden. Children have decorated Gingerbread Men and retold some of our core traditional tales. Children loved an incredible fabulous fire bowl session. Children have been really involved digging for worms in the garden. We have put in a few observations and photographs in your Child's Learning Journey Books. Your child will take this book home over Christmas. You can email in photos to your child's Key Person as well as writing in the book about the different things you do together as a family especially during the holiday celebrations.

Core Books for the Autumn term

This half term children are learning the following stories. They are 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, 'The Ginger Bread Man' by Estelle Corke; 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon and 'Naughty Bus' by Jan and Jerry Oke.



The Ginger Breadman

We have been decorating the GingerBread Man characters and also retelling the story and acting it out.



Core Rhymes Autumn Term 1

The children have been learning the following songs. You can sing these songs at home.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tMJ9pZ9W7ic>

Twinkle Twinkle

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wah6_bc9bk

Twinkle, Twinkle Christmas Star

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZuzK16g19U>

Jingle Bells

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTGptfSmlpY>

Look Up



'Look Up' is a fantastic book to read with your child. It's a great chance to talk about planets, meteorites, rockets, and light sources with your child too. At school, children have been fascinated whilst investigating different light sources such as light boxes, projectors as well as torches in tents and dens. We recognise that all children should have wonderful opportunities.

Listen to author Nathan Bryon read 'Look Up.' See Dapo Adeola, the illustrator showing us how he draws.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSkihS5mm-c>

Children's Learning and our Curriculum

Christmas Trees and Decorations

Children in each class will put up Christmas decorations that they have made on Christmas trees. We have real trees for the different classrooms. If you are interested in having one of the trees to take home at the end of term, please let your child's Key Person know. You can pick it up from school at the end of the day on Friday 17th December. Christmas trees will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. We would welcome any donations of Christmas decorations.

Christmas Sing-along

Do join us for our very special Christmas Sing-along. Sing along with the children and staff. Families will be provided with song sheets with the songs that children are learning for their class. Please sing these songs with your children beforehand if you can. You will need to come in through the main Reception on these days. Only 2 people per child can come along to the Sing-along. Mince pies will be provided.

<p>Christmas Sing-Along - 14.15pm 3-5s</p> <p>River 1PW and Full Time - Tues 14/12</p> <p>River 2PW and Full Time - Thurs 16/12</p> <p>Rainforest 1PW and FT - Wed 15/12</p>	<p>Jingle Bells</p> <p>Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way. Oh what fun it is to ride In a one-horse open sleigh, hey! Jingle bells, jingle bells, Jingle all the way. Oh what fun it is to ride, In a one-horse open sleigh.</p>	<p>We Wish you a Merry Christmas</p> <p>We wish you a Merry Christmas We wish you a Merry Christmas We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</p>
<p>Christmas Sing-Along - 14.15pm 2-3s</p> <p><u>Orchard, Desert, Seashore</u></p> <p>2PW and Full Time - Fri 10/12</p> <p>1PW and Full Time - Mon 13/12</p>	<p>When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney</p> <p>When Santa got stuck the chimney he began to shout "You girls and boys won't get any toys If you don't pull me out My beard is black There's soot in my sack My nose is tickling too!" When Santa got stuck up the chimney A-choo, a-choo, a-choo!</p>	<p>Twinkle Twinkle Christmas Star</p> <p>Twinkle, twinkle Christmas star How I wonder where you are. Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky. Twinkle, twinkle Christmas star Way up high is where you are Way up high is where you are</p>

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served to those children attending school on Thursday the 9th and Tuesday the 14th of December. Children can come dressed up in their party clothes on these days. We will create a special atmosphere in class with Christmas music, films and stories too. Santa will be giving out presents to children on these days.

The Nativity Story

Children in each class will learn about the origins of Christmas and so will have The Nativity Story read to them. They will also be invited to act out this story in the Nativity Play. We will provide costumes for children to wear for the performances.

Santa's Letters

Christmas is such an exciting time for children and it has been a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their mark-making and writing skills by writing letters to Santa.

The Early Years Foundation Stage 2021

At Kintore Way Nursey School, we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). There following link gives you a detailed explanation of the EYFS and how you can support your child's learning at home.

<https://foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf>

Applying for a Primary School Place

If your child's date of birth falls between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018, you will need to apply online for your child's primary school place. The deadline is the **15th January 2022**

Please contact schools directly to find out whether they are offering open days.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>

Book Bags

Please see your Key Person for a book bag. Please make sure your child brings in their book bag every day so they can change their book for another book to read with you.

Spare Clothes

Please bring in plenty of warm and waterproof clothing. Please make sure that children have lots of spare clothing that are labelled. We also need plastic bags to put wet clothes in.

Home Learning

We will be sending out home learning on a half termly basis to highlight some of the exciting learning that has been happening at school. If you are interested in doing any of the activities with your child, please do send photos to your Key Person who will put the photos in your Child's Learning Journey Book.

Celebrating Diversity



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Children loved learning about Frank Bowling, a celebrated British artist. They looked at a few of his paintings and then used rollers to create a large-scale collaborative painting. Children also painted self portraits inspired by artist Jennifer Packer who had an exhibition at the Serpentine this year.



Celebrating Ourselves and Families

Thank you to families who have sent in photos for our family display in classes. If you would like to have a family photo up in class, do let your child's Key Person know. Children have also been painting their self portraits too.

Photo of self portrait

- Rainforest
- River.