

**Important Dates to Remember**

**Inset Day** - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of December

**Holiday Break** - 21<sup>st</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January

**Inset Day** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**Inset Day** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Children Return to Nursery** – Wed 10<sup>th</sup> January

**New Children starting Kintore** – on staggered dates arranged by child's Key Person



**Season Greetings**

We have had a wonderful term with your children. It has been so much fun learning Christmas songs and learning about why Christmas is celebrated by many of our families. Children are developing an understanding of the different festivals and celebrations that we enjoy during the Autumn months. We have enjoyed creating art work, singing songs, reciting rhymes and listening to stories that help us understand our natural world and our cultures. Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas have provided us with inspiration for interesting conversations and learning and have united us with the joy of celebrating together. These celebrations connected to this time of year, support us in our observations of what is happening in the natural world including the changes in weather and changes with the plants and trees in our garden and we are looking forward to seeing the changes the new season brings when we come back for our Spring Term in January 2024! Have wonderful break with your children and with all your family. Merry Christmas, Seasons Greetings and Happy New Year.

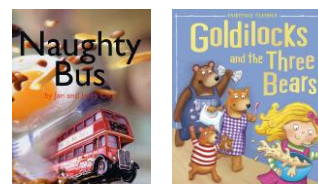
**Core Books, Songs and Poems**

We are seeing the benefits of focusing on core books, rhymes and songs with the children. Children are getting to know, really well, the storylines of our books and are developing a richer vocabulary and stronger understanding of concepts as we explore and consolidate elements of these stories and rhymes in our art work, and play. The Tales Tool Kit programme has supported children in being able to tell their own stories.

**Core Books for Autumn Term 1**



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**Core Rhymes and Poetry Basket**

'Leaves are Falling', 'Choppity Chop' and 'Pointy Hat' (Poetry Basket) have been our focus rhymes. We have also read and recited many nursery rhymes with children, revisiting their favourites and introducing less well-known rhymes. We have recited the lyrics of the songs ensuring children are learning 'the story' of the song.



**Core Songs for Autumn Term 2**

What a fantastic repertoire of songs we have learned this term. We have been singing 'Dry Bones', 'On Bonfire Night', 'This Little Light of Mine' as well as repertoire of Christmas Songs. Fun songs that developed vocabulary and support social and emotional skills and sense of community.

### Applying for a Primary School Place

Please find attached Southwark's guide to applying for a primary school place.

If your child was born **between September 2019 and August 2020**, your child is due to start primary school in September 2023.

**You must apply by Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

You need to apply online at [www.southwark.gov.uk/schoolsadmission](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schoolsadmission)

Please try and find 6 **schools** for your application. Look at schools' websites and contact the schools' offices to find out about open days and visits.

### 🎵 School Sing-a-Long 🎵

Thank you, parents, for joining our Sing-a-Longs during the Autumn Term. Learning songs supports children's learning and development in so many ways. Sharing songs with parents and having you come to nursery and sing with the children and with other parents is a wonderful social event with our nursery community. We will continue to sing wonderful songs with your children and let you know the lyrics of the songs on the three weekly planning block information. We will send links to versions of the songs on You-tube so that you are familiar with the tunes and so that you can sing these songs at home with your family before the sing-a-longs.



### Parent Conference Day

Thank you for attending Parent Conference Day. It was great to sit down with you and discuss your children's learning and progress at home and at Kintore Way. Please remember that you can make an appointment to meet with your child's Key Person or with the Class Teacher at any time during the year. We would appreciate it, if you have photographs or examples of your child's learning from home to email them to your child's Key Person. This information helps us to understand your child's interests and passions so that we can further their interests here in class. **Our next Parent Conference Day is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

