

**Important Dates to Remember**

**HALF TERM – 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**PARENT CONFERENCE DAY – Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**INSET DAY – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**



### Black History Month

During October, we are taking part in national celebrations to honour the accomplishments of Black Britons across society and across history. We are inviting parents to be part of these celebrations by coming into Nursery to share a part of their family history and culture with the children.

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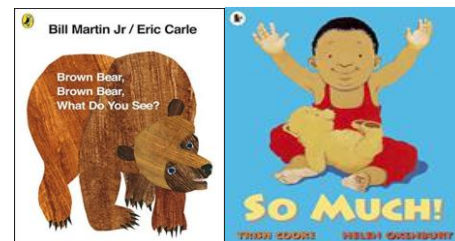
- Talking to the children about your family history/home-country (show photos or special objects)
- Painting pictures with your child inspired by artists such as Frank Bowling and Jennifer Packer.
- Reading a story that celebrates Black culture with the children.
- Showing the children clothes what you wear on special occasions.
- Showing the children how you style your child's hair - what products and accessories you use.
- Playing dominoes with the children or other traditional family games.
- Teaching the children traditional songs.
- Cooking dishes such as Jollof rice, plantain and dumplings.

Let your child's Key Person know which activity you would like to take part in.

#### Core Books, Songs and Poems

The children love to share books and stories and bring them to life with props and by acting them out. We share 2 core books this half-term in both the Under 3's classes and the 3-5's classes. Core books are books which we think that the children will enjoy and that we would like them to know well. Children are retelling these stories as part of their role-play whilst playing together and with small world toys. The repeated retelling of these stories extends language, vocabulary and the learning of key concepts. Children also sing core songs and rhymes which supports language development.

#### Core Books for Autumn Term 1



#### Core Songs for Autumn Term 1



'Rainbow Song', 'Che, Che Koolay', 'Tingalayo'  
'The Bear Went Over the Mountain'

#### **Leaves Are Falling**

Leaves are falling, leaves are falling,  
One fell on my nose.  
Leaves are falling, leaves are falling,  
One fell on my toes  
Leaves are falling, leaves are falling  
One fell on my head  
Leaves are falling, leaves are falling  
Yellow, orange, red.



## 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 2024.

**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.

Lots of schools will hold open days from October.

### 🎵 School Sing-a-Long 🎵

We would love for you to come and sing with your children during an afternoon. **The Sing-a-long will happen once the children are collected at 3.30pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of October. You can collect your child at 3:30pm and then join in the singing which will start approximately 3:35pm.**

If you can, please do stay for 10 minutes or so with your child for the outdoor 'Sing-a-Long.' Staff will hand out lyrics of the songs and will lead the singing. You will be responsible for your child in the playground during the Sing-a-Long. Children who attend during the morning only are welcome to come back to Kintore in the afternoon to join in the singing. Some light refreshments will be provided to celebrate Black History.



### Celebrating Ourselves and Black History Month



### Parent Conference Day

We are holding a Parent Conference day on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** when you will have an opportunity to talk about your child's learning and development with their key person.

**There will be no nursery session on this day.**

Further details about the parent conference will be shared later.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have one Parent Governor vacancy which we need to fill as soon as possible. Kintore Way Nursery school and Children's Centre has always aimed for a partnership with parents which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a Parent governor.

**You must apply by the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023**