



Important Dates for Your Diary

HALF TERM HOLIDAY 28th October – 1st November

PARENT CONFERENCE DAY – Friday 8th November

'Make It Real' workshop – Wednesday 6th November

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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. We are happy to have parents in during all of next term and during the rest of the year.

Coming in to class to share could include:

- 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.

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 have shared core books this half-term in both the Under 3's classes and the 3-5's classes. Core books are books 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.

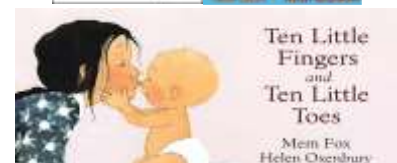
Core Songs for Autumn Term 1



'Rainbow Song', 'Che, Che Koolay', 'Tingalayo'

'The Bear Went Over the Mountain'

Core Books for Autumn Term 1



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 1st September 2020 and August 31st 2021**, your child is due to start Primary School in September 2024.

You must apply 15th January 2024 as applications close on this date. Speak to your child's Key Person if you have any questions or difficulties.

You need to apply online at 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.

Many schools will be holding 'Open Days', so do go and see schools that interest you.

🎵 School Sing-a-Long & Celebration 🎵

We would love for you to come and sing with your children during our afternoon end of the half-term at nursery celebration **Friday 25th of October**.

The Sing-a-long will begin after the children are collected at 3.00pm.

We will gather in the nursery hall to sing and then have the opportunity to share some food together as part of a celebration of Black History month. Please come dressed in festive gear if you feel so inclined! The party will last until 4pm.



Celebrating Ourselves Through Art

Parent Conference Day

We are holding a Parent Conference day on **Friday 8th of 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 a Parent Governor vacancy. If you think that you may be interested, please speak to office staff and let them know and you will be contacted. Detailed information regarding what volunteering for this role entails will be provided.