

# Autumn 2 Mountain Room Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Christmas holidays are upon us and this half term has flown by! We have had so much fun playing and learning and it is great to see how settled the children are. They are very familiar with the everyday routines which helps to ensure smooth transitions between activities and different parts of the nursery.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and to wish you a happy and peaceful holiday.



## We're Going on a Bear Hunt

In Mountain Room lots of the children had been enjoying looking at the book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, so staff planned a sensory story which we read at Group Time. This included touching grass and mud; looking around with a torch in the dark and feeling snow fall. The children also enjoyed exploring the different sensory materials during their free play time in the classroom.



Now that the weather is becoming colder, please make sure your child has enough clothes to keep warm and dry. It would also be really helpful if you can make sure all clothes are labelled with your child's name.



Thank you.

### **Starting Primary School – September 2026**

The deadline to apply to start school in September 2026, is **15<sup>th</sup> January.**

For more details, please visit:  
<https://services.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/how-to-apply-online>

You should apply for a place even if your child is currently being assessed for an Education, Health and Care Plan.

If your child already has an Education, Health and Care Plan in place, you do not need to do this because Southwark Council's SEN Team will contact you directly to ask you which schools you would like them to consult with.

Please speak to one of the team if you need support.

### **Diary Dates**

The nursery is closed for the Christmas holiday from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec**

We re-open on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.**

Half Term: **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb**

### **Disability Living Allowance**

Do you receive Disability Living Allowance [DLA] for your child? The nursery can access a £2,000 payment for every child who receives this benefit to purchase equipment and resources to support the children.

All we need is a copy of your letter stating that your child is entitled to this benefit that we can scan and submit to Southwark Council. If you are happy for us to do this, please bring in your letter and pass it to the office.

If your child does not currently receive DLA but you believe that he or she may be entitled to, please do speak to the office, Julia or Rebecca who can help you find out more.