

News and updates from Rainforest, Seashore and Desert Rooms

September and October 2025

Desert and Seashore Room

Core Books – 'Dear Zoo'



'Dear Zoo' is one of our favourite core books that children will read through the year made even more fun by using small world animals as props to bring the story to life.

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Sensory Play - Cornflour



Children have been exploring corn-flour mixed with water particularly its gloopy texture when held or squeezed and how it can also be runny or solid. It has provided calming yet fascinating play experiences.

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Unicorn Theatre

Children across school went on a school trip to the Unicorn Theatre to watch a performance of 'The Three Little Pigs'. Afterwards, children enjoyed talking about how much they loved the show including their bus trips. They have built straw and brick houses to do role-play around the story.



National Recycling Week

A huge thank you to all the families who have been bringing in old packaging and recycling for the children to re-use for junk modelling projects. It's been great to see constructions made at home too.



World Afro Day and Black History Month

The children have been role-playing being at the hair salon. Some parents also came into do their children's hair which inspired talk around the unique hairstyles we all have. Children read 'My Hair' by Hannah Lee, watched 'Hair Love' on you-tube and they drew their portraits with great hairstyles.



Rainforest Room

Core Books – 'So Much'

'So Much' by Trish Cooke is a wonderful book that prompts conversations around families and celebrations. In 'Handa's Surprise', Handa presents her friend with different types of fruit. Children have been role-playing celebrations whilst in the Home Corner. They've also enjoyed tasting a range of fruits as well as counting them during Snack Time. Thank you to families who have donated fruit for Snack Time and their children's birthdays.



Developing Fine Motor Skills

Children have developed their fine motor skills by playing with malleable materials like playdough or threading beads. They've learnt how to handle a pair of scissors to make snips around the edges of paper, cutting straight lines across paper and cutting out strips and circles.



Black History Month – Yinka Illori

As part of Black History Month, children were prompted to look at the vibrant art works of Yinka Illori, a British artist and then glue the different shapes they had cut to make patterned collages.



Black History Month – Jennifer Packer

We read Grace Byers 'I am Enough' to think about our unique strengths and why we are all important. We also looked at Jennifer Packer's artwork as inspiration for painting self-portraits. In Rainforest, we looked in mirrors before drawing and painting our portraits, thinking about features and tones when drawing and painting. We chatted as we learnt more about each other.



Diwali

The children have listened to the story of 'Rama and Sita' and have been learning about how Diwali, 'festival of lights' is celebrated. They've drawn Rangoli patterns.



Our Singalong and celebrating the 2-3's Garden



A huge thank you to all families who came to our community party to celebrate the opening of the new 2-3s garden with new flooring made from natural cork and a sandpit. Councillor Jasmine Ali kindly attended and cut the ribbon. It was a wonderful event for everyone who celebrated by singing songs, dancing to an incredible DJ set, playing party games and having a raffle. The Children loved meeting 'Morris the Red Monkey'. We appreciate your generous contributions of food and drink which helped to make the celebration so special.

Parent Mail

Please do make sure we have your updated contact details including email addresses. Communication to families is regularly sent through Parent Mail.



Warm Clothes

Now the weather is much colder, please make sure your children have enough clothes to keep warm. Encourage your children to practise putting on their coats, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens by themselves. It is important that they learn to be as independent as possible as they may choose to go outside many times a day. It would be really helpful if you can make sure all clothes are labelled with your child's name.

Toilet Training

Please also bring spare clothes for your children to get changed into. Speak to your child's Key Person about steps that can be taken both at home and nursery to ensure your child is toilet trained. Do start toilet training during the half-term and talk to the class team about next steps.

Dates for your diary

The Half Term Break
27th October – 31st October (dates inclusive)

Children Return to Nursery.
Monday 3rd November

Parent Conference Day
Friday 14th November 2025

Staff Inset Training Day
Friday 5th December 2025

FINAL REMINDER – Primary Admissions

A final reminder to the parents of children who will be going to Reception classes next year (i.e. children born between 1st Sept 2021 and 31st Aug 2022) – the online primary school application has to be completed by **15th January 2026** so please apply for schools as soon as possible:

<https://services.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions>

If you need any help or support, please talk to your child's key person.

Curriculum Learning

Do check out our website to see updates on the wonderful learning that children have been doing this half term. <https://kintoreway.com/>

Special thanks to those parents who made the trip to the Unicorn Theatre possible by coming along. Also, to families who came in to read stories for Black History Month as well as those who came and did their children's hair for 'World Afro Day.' We would love to hear about your Diwali celebrations. Do send in photos.

