

## Autumn Term 2023

### KEY DIARY DATES

**Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> September**  
Multi-Cultural Week /  
European Day of  
Languages  
(Madagascar)

**Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
Dear Zoo Learning Café –  
2.30pm

**Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
End of First Half Term

**Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October**  
Back to Nursery

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Sheringham Park Trip

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**December**  
End of Term

**More dates to  
follow!**

### Birth Certificates

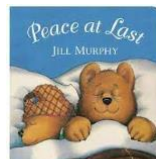
If you have not already handed in a copy of your child's birth certificate please can you do so as soon as possible.

### In the Nursery...

These are some to the areas we will be focusing on this term:

#### Literacy

Key Stories:  
Dear Zoo  
By Rod Campbell  
Owl Babies  
By Martin Waddel  
Peace at Last  
By Jill Murphy



#### Maths

Understanding numbers to 5.  
Careful counting.  
Sorting / Matching / Patterns



#### General Focus

Getting to know each other – new routines, making new friends.  
Autumn – looking at changes, talking about similarities and differences.  
Day and Night – thinking about routines, sequencing events, nocturnal animals.  
Festivals of Light - Diwali / Bonfire Night / Christmas.  
Artist – Andy Goldsworthy (Environmental art).



### Sheringham Park Trip

We are planning to visit Sheringham Park on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.  
We ask that, if at all possible, all children are brought to the park by their grown up who will then stay with them for the visit! The visit would be for the morning (9.30am to 11.30am).  
We will send you more details about the trip in the next few weeks.



## Jumpers, Coats and hats...

Please can all jumpers, coats, hats and water bottles be named! This really helps to make life a lot easier for us at the end of each session!



## Dear Zoo Learning Café

We will be holding a learning café focusing on the story Dear Zoo on **Tuesday, 17th October**, in the Nursery **from 2.30pm**. This is an opportunity for you to come to the nursery and take part in some activities with your child. If your child does not normally attend Nursery on a Tuesday afternoon you are very welcome to come in for the learning café.



## Wow Moments!

This term we will be sending home Wow slips for you to fill in and return to Nursery if your child does something special and wants to share what they have done with their friends at Carpet Time!



## Tapestry

Hopefully everyone is now able to access their child's Tapestry account. If you have not been able to do this please let us know. It would be great if you are able to take a look at the observations we download and add a comment.

We would also love to see what the children have been up to away from the Nursery so please remember that you can add your own observations onto your child's account. We then share these with all the children at carpet time.



## Wish List

We are always in need of the following items to use in the Nursery if you have any to donate!!

- Cardboard tubes (including toilet and kitchen rolls)
- Cardboard boxes – all shapes and sizes!
- Plastic pipes and guttering
- Out of date flour, herbs, spices and pasta
- Plastic bags
- Curtain rings

## Focus Weeks

We will be giving each child the opportunity to be a focus child this term. This means that we will spend a week making observations of individual children which will be loaded onto Tapestry as one big observation at the end of the week to share with parents. We will also send a hard copy of this to you.

When it's your child's turn to be one of our focus children we will send you a letter to let you know and also to ask you if there is anything you might like to find out about your child and if there is any information you feel might help us understand. This is something we will carry out each term.

