



# Orange Blossom

## Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

*At Martenscroft we are expressive, mindful, responsible and inquisitive so we can play, learn and grow.*

This half term our learning theme is:

### Light and Dark

In each curriculum area we will be learning:



#### Holistic Health

(Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Mindfulness, Emotional Literacy, Wellbeing Rights Respecting, Individual Needs)

This half term we have been focusing on light and dark, the children have been experiencing a variety of activities to develop their learning of the changes in our natural environment. They have an Owl den indoors and this will be developed outdoors. For World Kindness day the children will be creating thank you cards for a special person. They will be creating bird feeders to welcome birds in to our playground.

**Guided Visualisation:** The children will be exploring breathing techniques, yoga and listening to relaxing music. Helpful websites are Cosmic kids and YouTube. For World Children's day we are planning a after school event, further details will be sent out.

**Home Learning Activity:** Sharing toys, books and helping others.

#### Expressive Me

(Communication and Language, Literacy, Languages, Signing & Visuals, Expressive Arts and Design)



This half term our focus book will be Owl Babies. We will be introducing the children to the story using props and puppets to tell the story, then looking at the book, at what we can see happening in the pictures and reading the story. Learning about our feelings and the emotions sad and happy. The children will be introduced to some lovely nursery rhymes on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November they will be exploring a new rhyme each day and the staff will be visiting the rooms to sing alongside the children. The children have been leaning Spanish during group times this term they are learning Hola – Hello and Adios -Goodbye.

**Home Learning Activity:** Share a book with your child in your home language talk about the pictures.

#### Global Responsibility

(Eco School, Cultural Diversity, Global Citizenship, Environmental Impact, Community Responsibility, Research Projects)

Some of the children were involved with Firework Safety Message and produced a display on the entrance of the nursery gates.

This term the children have celebrated Diwali and have created some lovely Tea Light holders, Diwali patterns and lanterns.

In the sand tray the children used recycled containers and packaging. **Children in Need** – the children can dress in strips, spots or anything colourful.

**Home Learning Activity:** Create Rangoli patterns at home and share your pictures on Tapestry.

#### Inventive Ideas

Maths, Understanding the World, Technology, Engineering, Cooking, Social media)



This term the children will be participating in winter observations, we will be planning activities based on our five senses taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing. We will be baking cupcakes to sell on Reception to raise money for Children in Need on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We have also started implementing Hygge which is supporting well-being and a calmness.

**Home Learning Activity:** Hygge walk outside, cosy home spaces, baking with your child. Relaxing together joining a shared interest with your child.



#### Quote of the term

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” –

Helen Keller



**Reminders:** Please do not bring any food or sweets to nursery. As the weather is getting colder your child needs a hat gloves and a warm coat to play outside. Parents evening will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November.