

Autumn Curriculum Newsletter

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

This half term our learning theme is:

Light and Dark

In each curriculum area:

Holistic Health

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

We will be exploring different emotions such as 'sad', 'happy', 'angry', 'excited', 'scared', and exploring how these emotions make us feel and what might cause them. We are continuing to develop physical skills, riding balance bikes and negotiating obstacle courses and how to safely use the equipment.

Home Learning Activity: Help your child to recognise their emotions by telling them what emotion they are feeling when they are displaying it. The Colour Monster is a good book to share at home

Expressive Me

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



We are learning to retell the story 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey', using actions and puppets. We are also learning to answer 'who' and 'where' questions, whilst becoming aware that books have a *title*, *author*, *text* and *illustrations*. Other key text we will be reading this half term include:

The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark. Moon – Night Time Around the World, The Best Diwali Ever and What the Ladybird Heard at Christmas.

We will be exploring colour, mixing colour and finding out what happens when we mix paint. We will be painting firework pictures, making Diva lamps and exploring Rangoli patterns and printing and drawing poppies for Remembrance Sunday. In December we will be busy with lots of different Christmas creative activities including Christmas songs and making up our own actions and dances for the songs.

Home Learning Activity:

Choose some of our key text stories to read with your child.

Global Responsibility

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

We will be planting Autumn bulbs and clearing up the leaves and twigs in our Outside Area. We will be learning about recycling as we tidy up in Nursery and using recycled materials for our creative activities.

Home Learning Activity: Ask your child to help to sort out the materials that can be recycled into the brown, blue and green bins.

Inventive Ideas

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

We are finding out about Autumn and the changes that we can see.

We will be exploring the changes including light, dark and shadows.

We learning about numbers up to 5 and to instantly recognise amounts without counting (subitising)

Home Learning Activity: Play a game with a dice, call out the number of dots without counting.

Reminders:

Please check that your child's bag has a full change of clothes (underwear, socks etc) and a wash bag for dirty clothes.

Please can you bring a pair of named wellies in to Nursery.

Group time starts promptly at 9:20 am Please make sure you arrive on time (9:00am – 9:15am) so your child does not miss out on their learning.

Quote of the term:

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

– Helen Keller