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### **Autumn**

We all love the season of Autumn, crisp mornings, woolly jumpers, wellies and Autumn leaves and fruits. So that the children are able to appreciate nature in all its glory and learn about the changes in the seasons, we take them out in all weathers. The exceptions are storm conditions, flooding or high winds, as our priority is always the health and safety of the children. We would like to ask for your help in ensuring the children have the appropriate clothing for the weather to enable them to enjoy and make the most of their time outdoors. A warm waterproof coat/snowsuit and wellies are very much recommended!! Layers of clothes mean the children can remove/add layers throughout the day. But please note that Autumn is also a season of grave danger to some people. We have staff and children who are severely allergic to nuts – **this includes conkers.**

**So please do not allow your child to bring these to nursery as they are life threatening for people here. If they should pick any up on the way, please inform staff upon arrival so we are aware and hands can be washed. Thank you for your help with this.**

### **Stay & Play Events**

Thank you so much to everyone who attended any of our Stay and Play events this month and for the really lovely feedback we have had. Sadly, a couple did have to be rearranged due to the weather. We will try for one more outside in October – wrap up warm!!

Babies – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - 9-10.00am

Nursery 1 – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 4.30-5.30

Nursery 2 – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 4.30-5.30

Pre school – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 4.30-5.30

**We do hope you can join us.**



Hello, my name is Ami and I am studying for a Masters in Community Music, specializing in working with children with complex needs. In my spare time I love to sing and practice my guitar. I am also a keen swimmer and competed for my university team I am really excited to be working across the nursery at Fulford.

# **OUR NEWSLETTER**



**Babies** – throughout September the children have been exploring the changes in seasons, observing leaves falling from trees and looking at all the different colours. They have explored lots of different squashes, pumpkins and gourds. They handled them and staff talked about the texture and how heavy some of them felt. The children watched as the staff then chopped them into halves and quarters using lots of mathematical language to describe what they were doing. The children then handled the insides and used their sense of smell and taste. The children have wrapped up warm and continued to enjoy walks in our local community, the park and particularly the pond being a favourite destination!!



**Nursery 1 (under twos room)** – these children have also been exploring the early Autumn changes on their outings to the park, they loved playing in the leaves. They have also discussed the changes in the weather and talked about needing to wear warm clothes. Puddles have been a great source of enjoyment! Inside the children have enjoyed lots of messy play, making play dough, exploring different painting techniques – these activities usually end up as hand, arm and face painting! The children are enjoying making snack for their friends in the room, using tools carefully to cut fruit and veg, spread butter and peeled their own satsumas – they are always very proud of this particular task. Yoga is a favourite activity in here and the children are able to collect and roll out their own mats and recall familiar poses – they love being a tree waving in the wind.

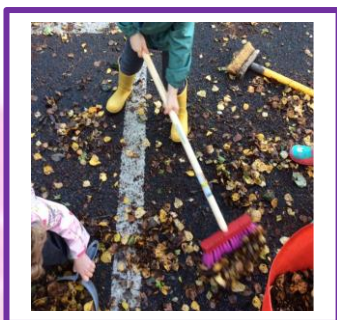


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**Nursery 2 (over twos room)** – during September we have been introducing new Montessori activities and have created a specific Montessori area. The children have really enjoyed exploring these new activities and practicing their pouring and transferring skills. So much so that the children are buttering their own toast at breakfast, using various utensils to serve their own pudding at mealtimes and helping to prepare snacks. Colour matching has been a big interest in here too. The children were able to match pegs to seasonal colour swatches (liberated from B & Q) and find objects around the room to match.



**Pre School** – another busy month has been had in Pre school. We have said ‘Goodbye’ to our final school leavers and the room feels very empty and quiet! Several children have transitioned into the room, and we have also welcomed a family new to the nursery. The staff are enjoying getting to know them all. We have been busy refreshing our Montessori equipment and the children are excited to explore the activities and are helping us look after the new things. The children are also exploring Autumn. They have collected leaves on their walks and used them for activities such as matching, painting and counting. They have also practiced their sweeping skills and helped us tidy the garden and bag up the leaves to be composted at the tip. Everywhere Bear has been enjoying his outings over the last couple of weekends, he has been to a swimming pool, played on swings and enjoyed picnics. Every child will get the opportunity to take him home at some point.



### Safeguarding

I wanted to remind you that it is really important to tell us if your child is not coming to nursery for any reason or if you are going to be later coming in than usual. If we don't hear from you, you will get a phone call at 10.00am or 2.00pm just to check you are ok. This is part of our safeguarding procedures.

### Celebrations

October – Black History Month  
10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October – Earth & Science Week  
12<sup>th</sup> October – National Farmer's Day  
18<sup>th</sup> October – National Pasta Day

### Invoices and Payments

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the **1ST OF THE MONTH**, in line with our Terms and Conditions, thank you?

If you are changing the way you pay, eg with the Tax Free Childcare payments, please let our Accounts Team know as soon as possible, or by the **15th of the month** on [headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk) so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help.

**Notice re payments after the 1st:** Some payments have become increasingly irregular, especially as new payment methods have been introduced, such as Tax Free Childcare, Bank Payments and present Voucher Payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the **1<sup>st</sup> of a month**. Thank you.

A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late. Our thanks again for your help.

**Please note there is also a late collection fee if you arrive after 1.00pm or 6.00pm when we close.**

### Instagram, Facebook and Twitter

If you'd like to follow us on Instagram, twitter and facebook, we keep you up to date with lots of activities here and any other interests too. We are Yorkshire Montessori Nursery on Instagram, @yorksmontessori on Twitter and on facebook at @yorksmontessori

### E mails

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You can contact me at the nursery on [fulford@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:fulford@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk) and Allison at Head Office on [headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk](mailto:headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk)

We are delighted to have been able to begin our visits to Fulford library again. The children enjoyed looking through the book boxes and shelves and chose stories to read and bring back to nursery.

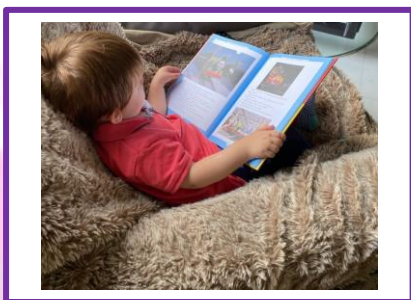


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Here are some language activities we have been enjoying recently at nursery or you have added to Tapestry.



Exploring books about babies



A little laid-back reading at home



Mark making in sand



Chatting about things on our walk to the park



Playing Scrabble



Word building

**Nursery Holidays for 2021**

**23.12.21 – Close for Christmas - Re-open 4 January**

*Debbie*