Sirens and Celebrations

Welcome to our '*Sirens and Celebrations'* project which kicks off in term 2!



Although there are likely to be chillier weeks ahead, we will continue to be outside lots! We are lucky enough to have Mrs Hutchinson with us this term for some of our outdoor learning sessions in the Pashley woodland. We also have our daily terrace slots so be sure to send your child in with a coat as we go out in all sorts of weather.

Each class will be hosting a woodland afternoon for parents to come and join. We understand that you may not be able to make it, but please come along if you can and if you can't, grandparents are very welcome. We ask that only one adult attends per child and due to health and safety we ask that siblings do not come to this event. (Details of dates below)

As part of our topic, we would love to have some visitors. We would love 'People who help us.' i.e. police, coastguard, nurses etc to come in and tell us about their jobs.

We would also love visitors who can tell us about an event they celebrate e.g. Diwali, Christmas.

If you are under this umbrella or know someone who is – please dojo your class teacher as soon as possible.

Over the half term break you might get to enjoy some celebrations. If you celebrate Halloween or Bonfire night then please send a photo or two on Tapestry of how you celebrated so we talk about them when we get back to school. If you happen to be out and about please collect any signs of Autumn you can find eg conkers, horse chestnut shells, leaves or acorns. We will send an envelope home with each child to fill with Autumn treasures. Please bring into school after half term.



Thank you so much for all your engagement with our Home Learning. We have been really impressed to see how much is going on and it is really making a difference!

Phonics - We are continuing to work through Phase 2 phonics. We will continue to send home phonics cards, so please use these at home with your children, five minutes practise a day really does make all the difference. Games like: matching pairs, snap or a treasure hunt around the house are a few ways that you can make learning these fun.

Reading - Thank you to everyone who has been reading 4 times a week with their child/ren. Reading regularly is crucial for children at this stage of development. We will continue to send a phonics book home every Monday and a phonics comic with the phonic cards on a Friday. We will be sending books home with a bigger variety of words as the children learn more phonic sounds.

Please do continue reading regularly at home, and don't forget to sign your child's diary! We check diaries on a Monday and give dojos for 4 or more reads.

Maths – We are really enjoying sharing your photos and videos of your children completing the Tapestry challenge each week. It is a great way of consolidating their learning each week and giving you an insight in to what we are focussing on.

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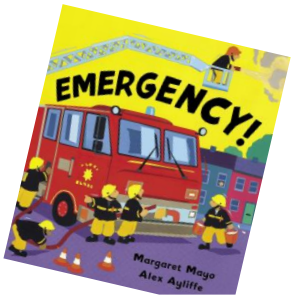
Volunteers- We are looking for parent volunteers to help us walk to the Old Town Library and back on the morning of Tuesday 24th November. Groups will be leaving throughout the morning. If you are free, please dojo your class teacher and they will confirm timings. You do not need a DBS to accompany the children on a school trip.

Fund-raising – Next term we will be letting you know about an exciting fund-raising opportunity that you can be part of to help us raise funds for our EYFS terrace area. The children use this everyday and we would love to add some new things for them to benefit from.

Rice cakes or breadsticks – Any donations of plain rice cakes or bread sticks would be gratefully received. Our stocks are very low!

These will be our main texts in term 2:





Dates for your diary:

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd – INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd – First day of Term 2

Tuesday 3rd – Rabbits woodland drop in 2 pm (1 parent no siblings)

Tuesday 3rd/Thursday 5th – Parents evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 6th - EYFS firework dress up day-dress up in your favourite bright colours

Monday 16th - Anti bullying week Odd socks day (children can wear odd socks to school with their normal uniform)

Tuesday 17th- Hedgehogs woodland drop in 2pm (1 parent no siblings)

Thursday 19th – Twilight training for staff **NO LADYBIRDS**

Tuesday 24th – Old town Library visit morning helpers needed please

Friday 27th - Mufti day for Christmas Fair

Tuesday 25th – EYFS Library visits (helpers needed)

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st - Squirrels Woodland drop in 2.00pm (1 adult per child and no siblings please)

Wednesday 9th pm and Thursday 10th am – EYFS Nativity

Thursday 10th – Christmas jumper day

Saturday 12th – Christmas Fair

Friday 18th – Party day (children can wear party clothes) last day of Term 2

Friday 12th December - Christmas festivities (Wear a Christmas Jumper instead of your Pashley one)

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Fun in Term 1!

