



# Nursery News

**Welcome back!**

We hope you have all had a restful half term and made some lovely memories! Feel free to upload any photos onto Tapestry as the children love to share with each other what they have been up to.

It's now time for term 2. This is our absolute favourite term when working with little people because it's full of so much excitement and magic.

It is a very busy term packed full of events. Please see the diary dates page for more information. We have lots of celebrations such as Diwali and Thanksgiving. If you celebrate any of them with your family at home, we would love you to come in and share them with us. Please let us know.

We started with our Bonfire Night celebrations. The friends of Wichelstowe Trinity Learning Campus and staff would like to thank you for all your support in making it a huge success.

Thank you,

**The Nursery Team**

**Don't forget to follow us on...**



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**'A tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season' (Psalm 1:3)**



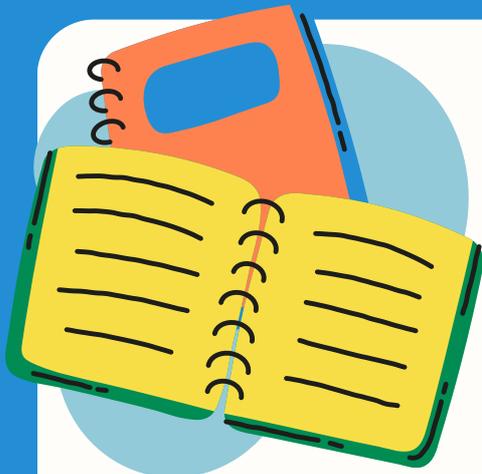
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# Important updates

Please remember Nursery begins at 8.30am. This is when children begin their learning. Please be on time. The playground gate will be locked at 8.40am. This is to safeguard all our children.

The car park consultation is continuing until December. We have pencilled in two meetings with parents and community partners on:

Wednesday 8th November 2023 - 4.30pm  
Wednesday 15th November 2023 - 6.30pm

Please book your places here  
<https://forms.office.com/e/c3rXeknbjx>

Don't forget to book your school lunches for the term on the Schools Food United app.



Please name ALL uniform to ensure it gets back to its owner.  
Thank you!

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# Term overview



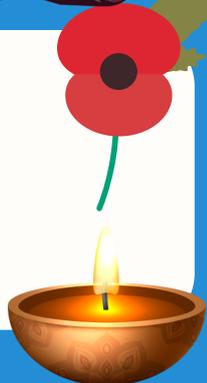
We will be learning about celebrations and events from around the world as they happen. These include: Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Hanukkah! We will celebrate the countries we are from, our different cultures and languages that we can speak. Please let us know if you would like to come in and share any of your traditions or celebrations with us.

Weeks Value:	Communication and language	Physical	PSHE	Literacy	Maths	Understanding of the world	EAD
Week 1 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct Book- Chocolate monster	Phonics Sound- S Phonics games	Balance and bench work	Circle time- sharing what they have done at the holidays	pattern control Funky fingers Name writing Squiggle wiggles Sharing stories (1-1 or key worker groups)	Counting songs and rhymes Counting 1-10 Pip boards and dice	Celebrations-bonfire night	Cooking- chocolate wands Craft modelling rockets
Week 2 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov Book- where the poppies grow now	Phonics Sound- A Phonics games	Balance and bench work	Circle time- Bonfire night keeping safe Remembrance Day	pattern control Funky fingers Name writing Squiggle wiggles Sharing stories (1-1 or key worker groups)	Counting songs and rhymes Counting 1-10 Pip boards and dice	Celebrations-bonfire night	Cooking- chocolate apples Colouring mixing with paint Making poppies
Week 3 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov Book- Rainbow fish	Phonics Sound- P Phonics games	Balance and bench work	Anti-bully week (make some noise) Odd socks	pattern control Funky fingers Name writing Squiggle wiggles Sharing stories (1-1 or key worker groups)	Counting songs and rhymes Counting 1-10 Pip boards and dice	Diwali celebrations Welcoming families in to share stories	Diwali decorations Dive lamps
Week 4 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov Parents evening: Mon/Wed Book- Thanksgiving	Phonics Sound- L Phonics games	Balance and bench work	Circle time- who do we give our thanks to?	pattern control Funky fingers Name writing Squiggle wiggles Sharing stories (1-1 or key worker groups)	Counting songs and rhymes Counting 1-10 Pip boards and dice	Thanksgiving- Look at why people celebrate	Cooking- thanksgiving snack
Week 5 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov Book- Dinosaurs	Phonics Sound- I Phonics games	Balance and bench work	Start of advent Explore why we have advent	pattern control Funky fingers Name writing Squiggle wiggles Sharing stories (1-1 or key worker groups)	Counting songs and rhymes Counting 1-10 Pip boards and dice	Christmas stay and play	Sing- practice Christmas songs
Week 6 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec Summer day 7th Book- Christmas stories- nativity	Phonics Sound- N Phonics games	Balance and bench work	CHRISTMAS jumper day Bake the world better Save the children Look at why this is important	pattern control Funky fingers Name writing Squiggle wiggles Sharing stories (1-1 or key worker groups)	Counting songs and rhymes Counting 1-10 Pip boards and dice	CHRISTMAS celebrations	Christmas decorations Cooking- Christmas cake
Week 7 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec Book- Tis the night before Christmas	Phonics Sound- G Phonics games	Balance and bench work	Christmas Dinner- Children and staff to share Christmas dinner together (dual role modelling) Language rich conversations	pattern control Funky fingers Name writing Squiggle wiggles Sharing stories (1-1 or key worker groups)	Counting songs and rhymes Counting 1-10 Pip boards and dice	Christmas celebrations	Christmas performance

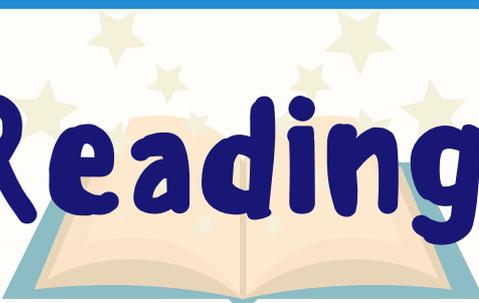


This term our enquiry question is:  
**How are we the same but different too?**

Our value for the term continues to be **HOPE!**



# Phonics and Reading



## Pip Class

In Pip class we have started to introduce the foundations for Phonics scheme which is part of the Little Wandle phonics scheme we use throughout the school. We start by focusing on supporting the children to hear the initial sound of words. We will focus on one sound a week by following the games and activities suggested by Little Wandle.

Picture card	Objects for What's in the box?	Pronunciation phrase
	sock sun star snake	Show your teeth and let the <b>s</b> hiss out <b>sssss sssss</b>
	ant apple arrow astronaut	Open your mouth wide and make the <b>a</b> sound at the back of your mouth <b>aaa</b>
	teddy toast teeth tiger	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press <b>ttt</b>
	pencil pizza peg penguin	Bring your lips together, push them open and say <b>ppp</b>
	insect invitation igloo iguana	Pull your lips back and make the <b>l</b> sound at the back of your mouth <b>lll</b>
	nurse nose nest net	Open your lips a bit; put your tongue behind your teeth and make the <b>n</b> sound <b>nnnnn</b>

## Mini Class

In Mini class we are focusing on the listening skills children need before they start learning phonics. This term we are looking at instrumental sounds. We will be following games and activities where the child will need to be able to differentiate between the different sounds to identify the instruments.

## General Sound Discrimination Instrumental Sounds

Home Learning Challenges

Create a musical show to perform! Use a variety of instruments and noisemakers and create a musical show for your friends or family. Try creating a musical pattern using a variety of different sounds.

Do you have any musical instruments at home? Ask an adult to show you how they are played and try making some sounds with the instrument. Take a photo or draw a picture of your instrument to share with the group. Don't worry if you don't have any instruments - you could always make your own instrument, like a simple shaker!

Make a collection of toys and instruments/noisemakers. Then, use the instruments to create a sound effect for each toy. Talk about the different sounds the instruments make and why they match each toy.

Use the Internet to find out about some different instruments. See if you can listen to some different instruments. Which is your favourite? Draw a picture of your favourite instrument and write what it is called.

As you listen to a story or rhyme, use some instruments or noisemakers to add sound effects to the story. Think about how different instruments could be played to create different effects. For example, can you make a loud noise and a quiet noise using the same instrument?

Play a listening and copying game using a small set of instruments and noisemakers. Play a sound for the other person to copy. Try creating loud and quiet sounds and also some simple sound patterns.

# Sharing books and Reading

In Pip Class your child will bring home a book for pleasure in their coloured folder which you can share together. They are not supposed to be able to read this! In both classes we read stories in groups and individually with all the children. Sharing stories with your children is important to help the learn new vocabulary and beginning to develop a love of reading.



# What you will need...

## P.E.

PE will be on a Thursday. Please send your child to school with their PE kit on. Please remember our PE uniform is a Kingfisher OR white polo shirt, navy/black shorts or trousers and plain trainers or daps. They will be in this all day, so please ensure it is weather appropriate.



## Outdoor learning

We will be doing regular outdoor learning and Welly Walks. Please can all children have a pair of named wellies in school for these.

We also go outside in all weathers. Children will need waterproof coats and appropriate weather gear for the season.



# PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

# Christian Authenticity

## In Collective Worship...

**This term our value continues to hope. We will be focussing on stories from the Bible that reflect this including The Christmas Story and the impact it has on the lives of our children.**



## Child of Hope



**We continue to think about and make links with our Kingfisher family in Uganda at the Child of Hope school.**

**We will be catching up with them later in the term to find out how their school year is going.**

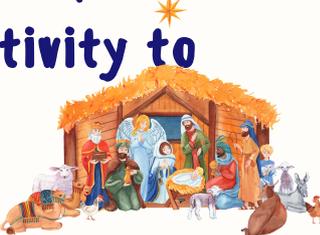


## Kingfisher Community Cupboard

**We launched this at the end of term 1. You can drop off donations here, or collect items which you or your family need but require support accessing.**

**We want to continue running this and make it accessible to the local community.**

# Term dates

- Monday 30th October 2023 - INSET Day
- Tuesday 31st October 2023 - First day of term 2
- Friday 3rd November 2023 - Family Firework Fun 
- Friday 10th November 2023 - Remembrance - please wear red 
- Monday 20th November 2023 - Parents' Evening - 3.30-6pm
- Wednesday 22nd November 2023 - Parent's Evening - 4-7pm
- Wednesday 6th December 2023 - Cosy Christmas Club - 4.45-7pm
- Saturday 9th December 2023 - Christmas Fayre 
- Monday 11th December 2023 - PM - Nativity Dress Rehearsal to Deanery siblings
- Tuesday 12th December 2023 - 2pm - Nativity to parents
- Wednesday 13th December 2023 - 9.30am - Nativity to parents 
- Friday 15th December 2023 - End of term 2



## Safeguarding

**Please contact Swindon MASH if you are concerned about a child.**

**E-mail: [Swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:Swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk)**

**Telephone: 01793 466903**

**8.30am to 4.40pm Monday to Thursday**

**8.30am to 4.00pm Friday**

**The Emergency Duty Service (EDS) is available outside office hours on**

**01793 436699**

**If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please ring 999 and speak to the police.**



# Friends of Wichelstowe Trinity



## Learning Campus



**We wanted to let you know more about the friends of Wichelstowe Trinity Learning Campus, and the events that we are planning for this academic year.**

**We raised over £2500 last year and we have great plans for future events. We would also like to invite you all to join us for a drink and a chat at school to discuss what you can do to assist the friends by way of volunteering, sponsorship, support, corporate sponsorship, social media, marketing etc.**

**This year, we hope to host more discos, as well as ice cream sales, cake sales and second-hand uniform sales. Our big events for the Autumn will be the Family Fireworks Extravaganza, another quiz night, Christmas Fayre and more.**

**Whilst all of these are very exciting and we would hope that at least one of the events would be of interest to most families, there is an obvious need for volunteers to enable any of these to run safely. Kingfisher are looking to the friends for support in purchasing items that will benefit our pupils, and it would be great if we were able to fund these from events and fundraising.**

**Please email:**

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