



Autumn News

Dates for your Diary

Below are our bank holidays and also term dates for our term time children.

Autumn Term

Half Term: 26th October - 30th October

Term Ends: Friday 18th December

Funding Ends: Friday 18th December

Spring Term

Term Starts: Monday 4th January

Half Term: 15th - 19th February

Term Ends: Friday 2nd April

Funding Ends: Friday 2nd April

If you take your funding over 47 weeks, dates will slightly differ. You should have received a separate letter. If not, please see a member of management.

Photograph Day

Tempest Photography are coming at 9.30am on the following days:

- Nursery - Tuesday 10th November
- Kindergarten - Wednesday 11th November

If your child doesn't attend this day & you want them to have their photo taken, please speak to a member of staff to book an appointment.

Halloween Craft Week—w/c 19th October

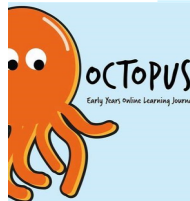


Children can dress up in Halloween Outfits & we will be carrying out an assortment of Halloween activities throughout the week.

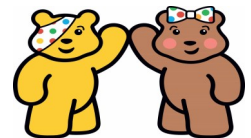
Mini Me Christmas Fundraiser

Children are currently making their cards for Christmas, which are going to be sent off to 'mini me card co'.

Every child will receive a free Christmas card made from their artwork and parents can buy additional cards if they wish.



The children's learning journals are now online. Please see a member of staff if you haven't received your access code to register your account.



To show our support for Children in Need, we will be having a 'Pyjama Day' on Friday 13th November.

30 Hours Funding

Can you please remember to revalidate your 30 hour codes. You may have to check your spam folder for reminders from HMRC.

Please see our website for future newsletters and any updates that we have to make to our policies.
www.villagebearsnursery.co.uk

New Staff

Can we take this opportunity to welcome our new apprentice, **Amy Crowe**, who will be based in Bouncy Bears Room.

Tax-Free Childcare

You could get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. To check eligibility and apply, please visit
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare>

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December

Christmas Craft Week - w/c 14th December

Children can dress up & an assortment of festive activities will be provided throughout the week.

We will close on Thursday 24th December @ 6pm & reopen on Monday 4th January, 2021.





What Are We Doing?



Baby Bears

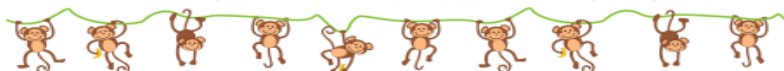
- ◆ Rhyme of the Term - Dingle Dangle Scarecrow
- Support & encourage taking steps & pulling self up to stand using push-a-longs & low level equipment.
- Enjoying and experimenting in sensory experiences such as pasta play, custard play, gloop, painting.
- Encourage mark making with crayons, chalks, free painting, holding a paint brush.
- Encourage sounds and language through dancing, rhymes, songs and books.

Change of Weather

As the weather gets colder, please ensure you bring your children to setting with suitable clothing for when they go outside.
E.g. coats, hats, gloves, wellies.

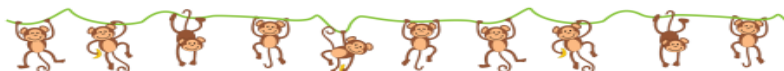
Kindergarten

- ◆ Rhyme of the Term - Dingle Dangle Scarecrow
 - ◆ Story of the Term - Peter Pan
 - ◆ Shadows - different lights
 - ◆ Handwashing
 - ◆ Who Am I
- ◆ Changes in Environment (Autumn)



Bouncy Bears

- ◆ Rhyme of the Term - 10 Cheeky Monkeys
 - ◆ Story of the Term - Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- ◆ Mark making using a variety of Autumn materials such as leaf / pinecone printing
- ◆ Focusing on awareness of numbers through number rhymes and number stories



Busy Bears

- ◆ Rhyme of the Term - Baby Shark
- ◆ Story of the Term - The Sheep Won't Sleep

- Exploring the environment through a variety of Autumn materials.
- Encouraging and supporting children to learn different shapes and colours through ICT equipment.
- Encourage the understanding of turn taking through group activities.

