



October news.....

Thank you.....to everyone for keeping up with the social distancing outside nursery and bearing with us at drop off and collection times. We have started to clean our hands as a small group at home time so that we can speed that part of the day up a little bit.

Settling in.....

- The children are all doing amazingly well with the adjusted daily routines. We are very proud!
- Please check your parent app for updates / photos. You can add comments on there that we can all see back at nursery too. Thank you for all the pictures from home too!
- Please remember that your key person is available for a quick chat on the phone if you would like to discuss anything with them

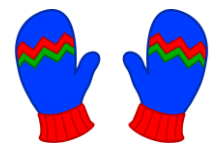
Keeping everyone safe.....COVID-19 update

- If your child has a temperature, new continuous cough or a change in sense of taste or smell please do not send them to nursery. You will need to arrange a test to rule out COVID-19 and isolate as a family until you receive a negative test result. This is to keep everyone safe.
- If your child is not coming to nursery because you are isolating, please let us know.
- We are exempt at nursery from the new 'rule of 6' because we are meeting for the purpose of education. We are however continuing to limit group sizes when we gather together.
- We are sorry for the many official letters at the moment...updates are coming thick and fast. Please continue to check our social media channels for latest updates



Rainy days.....

We have been lucky so far with the weather but the cold and rain is on its way! Please make sure that your child has a warm and waterproof coat and also a hat / gloves if its chilly. We do play outside in all weathers!

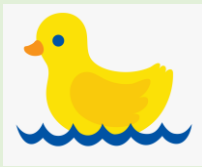


It would really help if children came in or brought wellies in a bag on very wet days.



P.S. we would love any spare wellies for muddy play (especially size 8 onwards)

Core songs



Singing is one of the best ways that you can support your child's language development and confidence.

Please take time to learn the 5 core songs for this half term together at home. You should have received a song book.

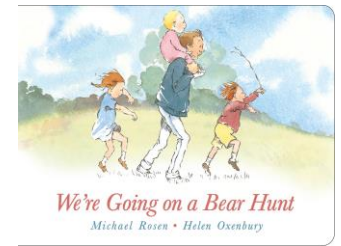
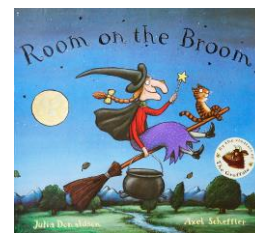
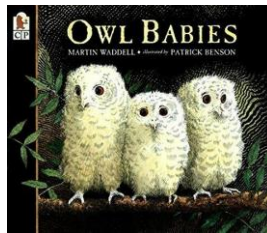
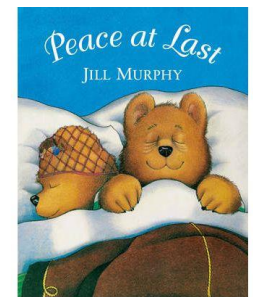
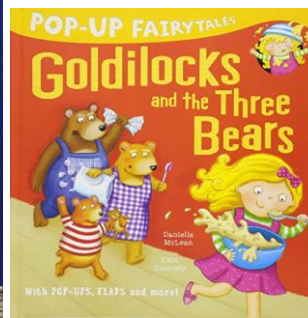
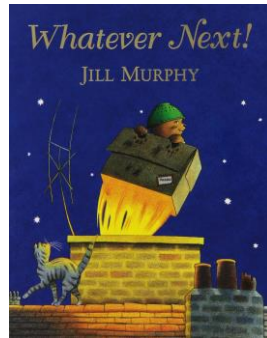
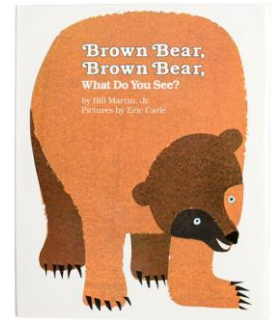
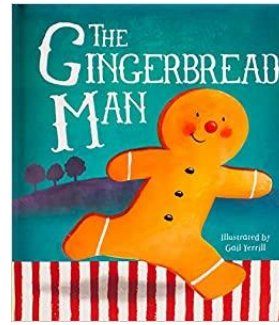
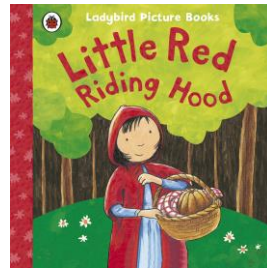
Try and incorporate them into routines (e.g. singing the wheels on the bus when you see a bus or when you are travelling or singing 5 little ducks in the bath)

We hope to perform these songs to you in a virtual way at the end of termwatch this space!

If anyone would like to share a video of their child singing we would love to share it with all the children at nursery! They would absolutely love this!

TIP..... cut out the pictures in the book so your child can choose songs like we do here at nursery!

Core books



These are the books that we will be **LEARNING**. That means reading and loving **OVER** and **OVER** again and again! Loving books and stories is the first step on the road to reading. We aim to foster a real love for a few special stories each term. We aim to learn all the parts where we can join in and have lots of fun being the different characters. Please join in at home too to support your child's reading.

- You can find all these books in our local libraries.
- You can find second-hand versions online for as little as 50p
- You can watch the stories being read online or even animated versions. Whilst this doesn't replace reading a book together, it's another way to familiarize children with the stories and bring them to life.

TIPS.....try and read for just 10 minutes a day (just before bed is a perfect time).....let your child 'read' to you as much as you read to them.....have fun making different voices for the characters.

Other things to do at home...

The weather is turning and we will be starting to explore **autumn** here at nursery.

Have a look at the changes when you are out and about and make collections of things such as leaves and conkers with your child. Look at the amazing changes happening all around us. Teach them new describing words, such as 'shiny' and 'spiky'.

Draw pictures of things that you have seen. Make up a song in the wind or the rain!

Make some simple play dough and use your autumn things



Toilet training.....

We have had lots of children recently start this journey – coming back to nursery and seeing others using the toilet often starts a trend! If you think your child might be ready....give it a go! Half term would be the perfect time to try, as all children benefit from a few days at the beginning of just being at home and not too far from a toilet.



Please could we kindly ask that those children still wearing nappies come in a clean nappy at the start of their session and that you provide nappies **NOT** pull-ups please (this makes standing up changing so much quicker for everyone)

Those children using pull-ups independently to use the toilet are slightly different, although we tend to find that straight to pants is the best option and is the fastest way to becoming dry, even if there are a few accidents on the way. We really don't mind!

Tooth brushing.....



If you're having difficulty with your child not wanting to brush their teeth why not use Elmo for support. Elmo from Sesame street has created a catchy tune for you to sing whilst your child brushes their teeth- Search Youtube for Elmo's tooth brushing song.

NHS track and trace

As of 28th September anyone contacted by Track and Trace **MUST** comply with the isolation dates that they have been given.

Please let us know if your child is not able to come to nursery because you / they are isolating.

Current guidance for families who are asked to self isolate can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-homeguidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



Please can you remember to check your child's bag for any letters that we might send home. Some of the services at NYCC are working differently at the moment so we are trying to pass information on from here (such as speech and language). Thank you