



Dear Parents

Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of November 2018. We hope you enjoyed the mid-term holidays. As the dark evenings begin to close in please take a few minutes to read about all the exciting things we have planned for your children during this month.

Our theme this month is **BEARS AND TEDDY BEARS**

A copy of our planning for this month will be on display on the notice board. Anyone who would like a personal copy of the planning should request one from your child's teacher.

Our colour this month is **BROWN** - so children are encouraged to help build up our brown displays in the classrooms by providing interesting things from home

The Bears and Teddy Bear theme is a new one for the Nursery so we are trying to build up lots of resources to support the theme. If you have any pictures of real bears or teddy bears we would love to see them. Also, to give a sense of the history of teddy bears, if you have or know of anyone who may have a very old teddy we would love to borrow it for a special lesson. Any other ideas would be much appreciated.

~ Some important dates for your diary ~

On **Thursday 8th** and **Friday 9th** November we will introduce our literacy initiatives. The Yellow Room will love their "Story Sacks" from now until mid-February while the Red Room children will enjoy making friends with "Adventure Ted & Adventure Tess" until mid-February. More details to follow.



The story "We're going on a bear hunt" will feature in our Bear themed month so we are delighted to have Joe from the **Gathering Drum** coming to visit on **Monday 12th November**. Using world drums and percussion instruments he will engage the children in a very special retelling of this story and a few others.



We will welcome Police Lady Emma on **Tuesday 13th November**, who will talk to the children about important Stranger Danger messages.



On **Thursday 15th November** we will welcome Mrs Fiona McArthur and Mrs Pamela McCrum, our ETI Inspection Team who will spend the day with us. We are looking forward to them meeting the boys and girls and sharing with them our wonderful school. **Please remember to complete the important online questionnaire.** If you have any difficulty accessing it please chat to me or contact Inspection Services Branch.

On **Monday 19th November** we will continue our Parents Programme with Emergency Paediatric First Aid Evening. This session will be taken by Andrew Moore (Sophia's dad) who is a senior paramedic. This is such an important course and is open to all adult members of your family/friends circle. It could teach you a lifesaving skill. More details to follow.

On **Wednesday 21st November** we will welcome our Cool for School photographer who will take some lovely shots of the children. These are a lovely memento and make ideal Christmas presents.



On Tuesday 27th November the Action Cancer Health Action Heroes, Mambo and Jazz, will visit to reinforce our healthy living messages.



Our Brown money month starts after Halloween. During November we collect lots of 1p and 2p coins, so please gather them up from home & from aunts, uncles and grandparents. It is amazing how this easy event can raise a considerable amount for our funds. We hope to keep this fund raising initiative going throughout the year so we look forward to your support.

Remember we are involved in recycling old mobile phones & printer ink cartridges through Recycocool. The containers are found in the entrance hall and please ask your offices/businesses if they would like to help our recycling efforts.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Book Fair.
I'm sure you'll agree that the books were of an excellent standard.
We raised £405 from sales which benefited the school by £240 in book commission.
Thank you so much to the parents (and grandparent) who volunteered and helped
with the Book Fair

Our Autumn Walk was a great success and we appreciate the help of all the parents who came along, as well as the PSNI officers who stopped the traffic for us! A big thank you also to Nico and Holly's mums who helped the children with their Christmas Cards. We hope to have the samples back at school for the children to take home very soon! Also, thank you to Maria's Grandma, a great cook, who helped our little chefs make Pumpkin Soup for snack. It is great to have parents and grandparents involved in the life of the school.

Fundraising

We have a night planned at the Jamaica Inn on Friday 16th November. Tickets are £12.50 and include finger food and live entertainment in their function room upstairs. Tickets are available from the office and we really hope you can come along to this fun night!

The Bag Pack in **ASDA** is scheduled for Friday 14th December. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this event and more details will follow.

On Wednesday 5th December we will hold our Christmas "Coffee and Crafts" morning from 10am-1pm. We will have lovely crafters along with their gorgeous handmade goods just in time for you to grab a few presents for Christmas and get you in the Christmas spirit! Everyone is welcome so please spread the word and bring family and friends and support your Nursery.



We will also be holding our Annual Christmas Raffle in the run up to Christmas and are currently sourcing prizes. Please let us know if you are able to help us find great prizes for this.

Thanks are extended to all parents who are spending some time playing with their child at the end of the session. This is an extremely valuable time both for you and your child. Please remind other family members and child minders that they are very welcome to do the same, but we would stress that parents, etc, should come right into the classroom, in order not to block our vision of the door way - Staff must be able to see everyone who comes in and out. Please remember too that responsibility for your child is returned to you once you enter the classroom. As part of this home time routine we would ask you to encourage your child to tidy what they are playing with and return their boxes the trolleys. Thank you for your co-operation in this.



Just a reminder that **SCHOOL FUND** for the next half-term will be due. Please send **£42** in the money bag provided (or in an envelope) with the return slip ensuring your child's name is clearly marked, by Friday 16th November.



Happy Birthday to Hasaan this month



Congratulations to the O'Hara family on the arrival of baby Elise, a little sister for Zoe



My staff have asked that I remind you of a few points which are important for the efficient and safe running of our nursery:

Please label your child's uniform, especially coats and sweatshirts.

If your child is unwell or has had a bad night please keep your child at home as germs and bugs, coughs and sneezes pass round the nursery so quickly.

Please remember to be considerate when parking outside the nursery and try not to block our neighbours' gateways or park on the brow of the hill. Also, please ensure there is enough access for pedestrians and parents with prams on the pavements.

Some parents may like to consider parking at Manse Road and making the short walk around the perimeter of the nursery.

Dinner money should be submitted on a Monday. Please ensure the correct amount is enclosed.

Our front door is now fully automatic. Once the door begins to open please do not pull it and allow it to run it's course.



As the weather is turning colder we ask that parents send in a hat for your child to wear during outdoor play. Please ensure it is clearly labelled and leave it with a staff member.



Dates for your diary
Our Christmas Concerts will be held on:
Monday 17th December 2018 – Red Room
Tuesday 18th December 2018 – Yellow Room



Please join us at 11.45am for a cuppa before the concert starts at 12noon (sharp)

Thank you for your continued support and for your complimentary comments.
We look forward to a busy & stimulating month.
Best wishes from The Principal & Staff of Trinity Nursery School



Everyday and Everyway Talking about... November



In November, the days get shorter and the children may notice the moon for the first time. The weather starts to turn colder and you might see the first frost of the year. Our theme for this month is Bear and Teddy Bears so this is a wonderful opportunity to visit the zoo to see some real life ones and to enjoy the wealth of fairy tales and stories about bears. Remember that Pudsey Bear is a feature of November with BBC Children in Need so a good way to talk about helping others.

Try these activities, songs, books and crafts to help your children learn. Speak, sing and talk about books with your child in your own language.



Activities

Make up a guessing game to play with your child encouraging them to guess which animal you are thinking about. Simple clues are useful eg. "The animal I'm thinking of has a very long neck". "What might it be?"

Talk about the bears you might see in the zoo or a forest. We will be concentrating on polar bears, the black bear, the grizzly bear and the panda. What do the bears look like, where do they live and what might they eat?

Talk about animal patterns and help children to understand that some animals have spots and some have stripes. Perhaps this might lead to some discussion about camouflage.

Encourage your child to retell the story of Goldilocks and 3 Bears, in sequence and also talk about how Goldilocks and the Bears might feel at different parts of the nursery story eg. how did baby bear feel when he saw that someone had eaten all his porridge or how did Goldilocks feel when she woke to find 3 bears looking at her?



Moon

It gets dark a lot earlier now. The moon is easier to see. Talk about the colour of the moon, is it white, red, full or crescent? Talk about how the sun comes out when it's day.

Stars

Play a game to see who will be the first to see a star at night. Watch the sky with your child and look for falling stars. Cut out paper stars and let your child decorate them. Glue a stick on the back of the star to make a star puppet. Sing Twinkle Twinkle, little star. Decorate your child's room with glow in the dark stars.



Daily routines

The activities you do everyday are great times to learn language. Try these ideas to make language learning part of the everyday things you do.

Getting dressed

Say the name of clothes – pyjamas, socks, underwear, pants, shirt, sweater, Pyjamas sweatshirt, tights, hats and so on. Talk about the weather and what he/she should wear. Talk about patterns (stripes, polka dots or pictures), parts (sleeves, pockets, zippers or buttons), how they fit (small, big, short, long or just right)

Mealtime

Talk about what you are doing as you get ready to eat. Talk about what you are eating. Talk about what you will do to clean up. Introduce lots of new vocabulary through talking about (and of course tasting) lots of new fruits and vegetables. Talk about what they look like, feel like, and where they come from.

More routines to talk about:

Getting dressed to go outside

Bath time

Brushing your teeth

Cleaning up

Getting ready for bed

Going for a car ride

Visiting a neighbour

Songs and Rhymes

The Bear went over the Mountain

The bear went over the mountain,
The bear went over the mountain,
The bear went over the mountain,
To see what he could see.



And all that he could see,
And all that he could see,
Was the other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
The other side of the mountain,
Was all that he could see.

The bear went over the river,
The bear went over the river,
The bear went over the river,
To see what he could see.



Teddy Bear Rhyme

Teddy bear, teddy bear, turn around,
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, touch the ground.
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, reach up high,

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, wink one eye,
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, slap your knees
Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear, sit down please.



Books

There are lots of stories on a Bear theme.

Our favourites are:

- Can't you sleep little bear (Martin Waddell)
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears (Traditional)
- It's the Bear (Jez Alborough)
- PB Bear (Lee Davis)
- Alone in the woods (Ian Beck)
- What are friends for (Sally Grindley & Penny Dann)
- Beware of the Bears (Alan MacDonald & Gwyneth Williamson)
- Little Bear's Big Jumper (David Bedford)
- Hello Says Olly Bear (Tony Kenyan)
- Peace at Last (Jill Murphy)
- We're going on a Bear Hunt (Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury)

Remember there is a wealth of information books available at the local library, many of them written with young children in mind.

Five Little Bears

One, two, three, four, five
Five, four, three, two, one

Five little bears bouncing on a bed
One fell down and bumped his head
Sent for the doctor and the doctor said
No more little bears bouncing on the bed.

Four little bears bouncing on a bed
One fell down and bumped his head
Sent for the doctor and the doctor said
No more little bears bouncing on the bed.

Three little bears bouncing on a bed
One fell down and bumped his head
Sent for the doctor and the doctor said
No more little bears bouncing on the bed.

Two little bears bouncing on a bed
One fell down and bumped his head
Sent for the doctor and the doctor said
No more little bears bouncing on the bed.

One little bear bouncing on a bed
He fell down and bumped his head
Sent for the doctor and the doctor said
No more little bears bouncing on the bed.



Remember to:

Follow your child's lead

Add new words and ideas

Repeat new words over and over

