

# Jolly Rodgers Pre-school Newsletter October 2022

## THIS MONTH IS ALL ABOUT 'WHERE DOES IT COME FROM''

Our learning through play will continue to progress throughout our monthly activities. The children will continue to build on new skills daily, please encourage these at home. This month we are looking at '*where does it come from*' – this can take our plans in lots of different directions and all activities will focus around this and will lead into Autumn, leaves, changing colours, change with weather etc. We will also incorporate Halloween within this project.



## THIS MONTH'S SONG'S (please encourage your child to sing these with you)

I love apples Apple 'bingo' song Put your apple in the air Autumn Autumn leaves are falling down Scarecrow scarecrow Halloween is coming Incy Wincy spider



Our individual sand tray's will be filled with sand and we will be able to find some spiders, skeletons, stones, twigs, conkers, acorns & leaves in our sand this month!!

## THIS MONTH'S ARTS (we will send home children's work for you to display)

We will be using lots of different art & crafts to decorate pictures for our theme. E.g. crayons, felt tips, painting, sticking, junk art, foot prints, tissue paper, making pictures using glue & sand.

We will be making:

Autumn pictures and junk art from leaves & twigs we find on our nature walk in the Fairyland forest. Junk art pictures of pumpkins and leaf rubbing pictures, chalk firework pictures and we will also be doing lots of artwork which we will be decorating around the room. We will also be carving a pumpkin to put in our room. Very busy month!

**COOKING** – Chocolate apples!

## THIS MONTH'S LOFT AREA:

Ground Level – Halloween & Autumn sensory

Upper Level-will be developed for Autumn and Nature.

All children will be encouraged to create their own items for the loft area and create their own artwork.



## THIS MONTH'S CIRCLE TIME

Within the classroom we will use "Circle Time" to read stories, poems etc to develop each child's love of books and language.

Our stories this month will include the following topics:

Changes in weather and how trees change Halloween

We will also use "Circle Time" to learn about spooky Halloween. Children will also carry on talking and expressing feelings on how they feel during Halloween and animals hibernating. In addition during circle time children will have an input to make plans and they will also discuss what they have liked in the room and anything they would like to change. Their input and feedback will help staff shape plans to meet the children's interests and needs.



## THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAY'S

Each month we may have a birthday celebration; we will create a birthday chart and sing "Happy Birthday". Each child will be added to this chart as their birthday occurs throughout the year. If you wish you may send a cake/or healthy option to celebrate during break. (All Cakes must be nut free).

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:



## **PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES**

We will be outside everyday –please supply Coats. The children will be introduced to a variety of games and outdoor equipment. We will also start to develop our outside nature garden and growing activities.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Thank you for your patience as we are making the move to famly. We are still learning as we go so, please bear with us if we do have a few 'issues' along the way. If you have not received your log in invite or would like another family member to receive one please do just let us know. Thank you.

Can we request that parents please be mindful that we may have a number of children within the nursery with highly compromised immune systems and coming into contact with common infectious conditions, especially chicken pox or stomach bugs, may have serious implications for them. If your child may come into contact with chicken pox, please do inform nursery so that we can pass this information on.Please note that children with a tummy bug should not return to nursery until they have been well for 48hrs. Advice on children returning to nursery or school after illness is available at http://www.publichealth.hscni.net

Can we ask that you please be extra cautious when driving around the car park area and always be aware of adults and children. We are sure you can appreciate that there are a lot of children within the nursery being collected at different times and it can be busy. Please always be attentive of this. Can we please remind you not to block the area where nursery vehicles are parked. This must be kept clear at all times so the vehicles can get in and out and we can safely off load the children.

## **RAINBOW DAY**



## Just a little reminder it is Rainbow Day on Friday 7th October.

We have another charity that is very close to our hearts and that is 'make a wish children's charity'. We had a little boy who attended the nursery and he very sadly passed away a number of years ago. Each year, as this was his mother's request, we have a 'RAINBOW DAY' wearing bright colours in memory of little Lennon and all money raised goes to 'make a wish'.

*Our Rainbow Day this year is <u>FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER</u>. Please feel free to join us on this special day by wearing anything bright and colourful and all we ask is a small donation. THANK YOU.* 

## PARTY TIME!!

We will be having our pre-school Halloween Party on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October with fancy dress, spooky songs & terrifying treats!!



Thank you from all in Pre school.