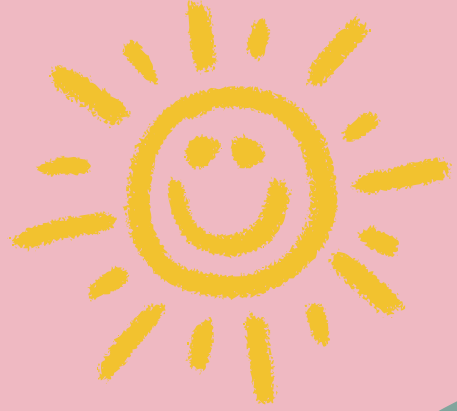
CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP NEWSLETTER

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING

We have had a wonderful week full of discovery, creativity, and celebration! The children have been learning about autumn - the changing colours of the leaves, cooler weather and all the natural treasures this season brings. We also explored the festival of Diwali, the celebration of light. On Monday, everyone had the opportunity to try vegetable samosas - there were lots of happy and sometimes surprised taste testers!

Rainbow group have been showing great imagination and teamwork, using boxes in creative ways, turning them into dens, and even more! They've also been practising cutting skills, snipping autumn leaves, and using natural resources like twigs and conkers to make shapes. Fantastic fine motor work and creativity!

Our sunbeams have been getting hands-on with pumpkins - comparing big and small, feeling their textures and talking about size differences. They've been busy painting with their hands to create a beautiful autumnal tree! The sensory tuff tray continues to be a huge hit. This week we've added different autumn scents like cinnamon and orange peel, making it an exciting experience for all the senses.



Parent information:

As the weather gets cooler, please remember to send your child with **warm, labelled** clothing for outdoor play. We love exploring outside, whatever the season!

We are closed next week for half-term. If you joined us in September, you should have received your one/two year check or baseline assessment for our three year olds.

Thank-you, as always, for your support and enthusiasm - it makes our preschool community shine as brightly as ever.

Term dates:

Autumn term (14 weeks)
Tuesday 9th September - Friday 24th October

HALF TERM: Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

Monday 3rd November - Thursday 18th December

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday 17th December: Mince pie and mingle

Thursday 18th December: Christmas party, all children invited!

More info to follow.

STAFF OF THE WEEK:

Get to know us!

Hi! Shardelle here, your nursery manager! I've completed my first half term and it's been great. Thank-you all for your continued support, kind words and positive feedback. It makes The Children's Workshop extra special.

Outside of pre-school, I'm a mum to a seven and four year old, so I absolutely understand the importance of sending your little one to a setting where they feel happy, secure, safe and loved in a caring environment.

When I take my manager and mum hat off, I like to try new restaurants with friends, catch up with family or have a good old rest on the sofa, catching up on feel good TV!

HALF TERM IDEAS:

Autumn treasure basket:
Go for a walk together and see what autumn treasures you can find - conkers, acorns, colourful leaves, pinecones or twigs.

Leaf printing or rubbing:
Collect a few leaves and try printing or rubbing them with crayons or paint, just like we've been exploring at preschool.

Pumpkin play:
Explore a pumpkin together - feel the inside, count the seeds, and talk about how it looks and smells. You can even draw faces on pumpkins using markers or cut out paper features to stick on.

Sensory tray:
Make your own sensory tray with dry pasta, cinnamon sticks, orange slices, of rice dyed in autumn colours. Add
spoons and scoops for some calming, creative playtime.

Story time together:
Head to the library and pick some autumn themed stories. SOme lovely choices are *leaf man, we're going on a leaf hunt or Rama and Sita: The story of Diwali.*

As always, we love seeing what you get up to, feel free to share on tapestry!

Value of the month:

KINDNESS

I can:

- Use kind words - saying “please” and “thank you” can help our friends feel happy.
- Share and take turns - whether it’ s toys, paints, or space in the sand tray, sharing shows we care about others.
- Help a friend - offer a hand if someone needs help putting on their coat, tidying up, or finding a toy.
- Include everyone - when we play, we can invite someone to join us.
- Show gentle hards - we use our hands for helping, building, creating, and hugging - not for hurting

Children's Workshop

Golden Rules

1.

Be kind:

- Gentle hands
- Kind words
- Caring for our toys

2.

Be safe:

- Walking inside
- Hands to ourselves

3.

Be ready:

- Listening ears
- Looking eyes