

Bright Stars News



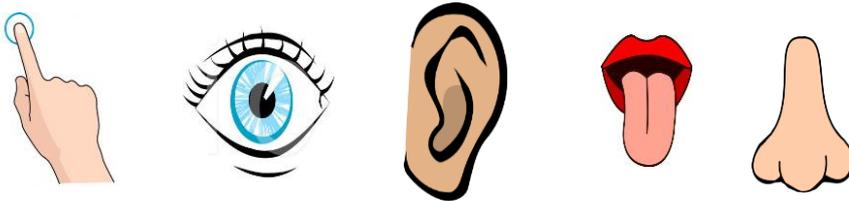
The end of the year is near the weather is colder and the nights are getting longer but we have so much to look forward to this month. We will be celebrating Guy Fawkes Day, Diwali, Remembrance Day, St Andrew's Day and Children in Need. We are also very excited about Santa Spectacular our annual trip to Willows Farm (please speak to staff for more information or look out for posters around the nursery).

Please make sure your child has:



Theme of the month

This month we are learning all about our 5 senses sight, touch, smell, hearing and taste. We did lots of activities around this theme such as making shakers and kaleidoscopes, making faces using playdough, playing games such as memory games and eye spy, smelling jars and tasting different foods. We also loved doing the bath bomb science experiment watching it fizz away in the water.



Salad spinner painting

We used a salad spinner to make the most amazing paintings. We added paint into the spinner then turned the handle to make all the paint mix together. We then added paper print the amazing patterns we made.

Planting winter flowers

We all helped plant the winter flowers in the welly boots. We filled the boots with soil, then took the flowers out of the pots and planted them into the boots. We also planted some in the planters. We used spades to dig some holes then planted the flowers in the holes we made.

Acting out our favourite stories

We loved acting out some of our favourite stories such as little red hen where we got to make some bread after, and the three little pigs where we got to play inside a pretend brick house.



A Big thank you for all your donations to the Harvest festival. A group of us took the food along to the old people's home and got to meet some of the people there. They were very grateful to us for giving them some tasty treats. We then donated the rest of the food to at James's church food bank.

This month we did lots of activities around Autumn. We liked collecting leaves outside in the garden looking at all their different colours. We then used the leaves we found to do some leaf rubbings and painting with leaves. We also learnt about autumn animals and loved making hedgehogs using paper plates.

We love our new story headphones.

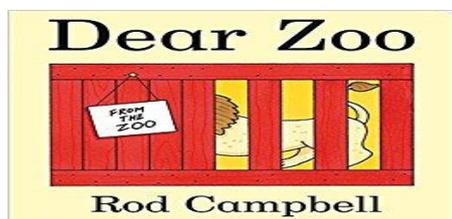


Bath bomb experiment

The children loved Experimenting with the bath bombs, putting them in the water play and watching them fizz until they have disappeared. The children commented "that smells nice" and "oh nowhere has it gone" and " I like the colours". The children then made their own bath bomb sand pictures using all the colours they saw in the water.

Playdough faces

We have been talking a lot about different features and how we are all different. We looked at different colour eyes, hair and skin and different emotions such as happy and sad. The children then made their own playdough faces using skin coloured playdough, buttons and googly eyes for eyes and pipe cleaners for mouths. The children then found it funny to make monsters using the playdough putting multiple eyes and mouths.



We loved doing activities around this story we played with small world toys that appeared in the book such as lions, giraffe, monkey, frog and dog. We then drew our favourite animal and posted it off in our post office. We then had a look at Melina's favourite animal her

pet Rosie the turtle. We learnt all about different turtles, where they live and what they like to eat. We even got to meet Rosie.

We love painting

This month we have been learning all about autumn. We have been painting with some lovely Autumn colours such as red, yellow, orange and brown. We have made some hedgehogs and some pumpkins. We collected some leaves from the garden and felt them crunching in our hands when playing with them in the sensory tray.

We love getting messy painting, we used lots of different colours and equipment such as rollers, paint brushes and sponges to make different marks.

Bubble wrap fun

We had so much fun with the bubble wrap. We liked waking/ crawling across it hearing the bubbles pop beneath our feet. We had paint underneath the bubbles so as soon as they popped they left a lovely picture on the card underneath.

Spaghetti play

The spaghetti was all slimy and sticky. We loved feeling the texture of it when letting it fall through our fingers. We used different pots and pans to put it in and liked scooping it up with the fork.



Wear your pyjamas on Friday 16th November and donate £1 to children in need. We will also be having a cake sale at pick up from 4pm to 6pm



Willows farm santa spectacular 23.11.18

Hope we are all looking forward to this year's annual trip, it's going to be an amazing day. Please hand in your consent letters and payment to Mel/Nikki by the 09.11.18 so we can finalise numbers. Cash payments only. The coach will be departing from the Nursery at 9:30 to take us to the farm and we will be leaving at approximate 3:00pm to travel back to the nursery. Therefore, if we could ask parents and children to be in the nursery by 9:00am that would be appreciated. Snacks and a packed lunch which will be provided and prepared by the Nursery Chef, for those children that attend the Nursery on a Friday. For those children who require a buggy and car seat (coach will not provide these) please remember to name and leave at reception of the nursery on the day.

Adult	No coach	£14.00
Adult	With coach	£25.00
Children over 2	No coach	£20.00
Children over 2	With coach	£31.00
Children under 2 (no gift)	No coach	free
Children under 2 (no Gift)	With coach	£11.00
Children under 2 (with gift)	No coach	£16.00
Children under 2 (with gift)	With coach	£27.00

For an additional fee your child can also take part in Create a cuddle workshop £8.00 and gingerbread decorating for an additional £2.00. Please let a member of staff know if your child would like to attend these workshops so we can work out key person groups. Many thanks.



Family photos



We are making family books for our book areas. Please can you bring in/ email in some family pictures (mums, dads, brothers, sisters, grandparents and aunts, uncles and cousins). We would also like some photos of the children doing things around the home such as cooking, brushing teeth, gardening etc. Many thanks.

Extra Curricular activity



Would you like to learn some Football skills? Come, Along and join us on a Thursday morning in the bright stars garden. If your child does not attend on this day, they are more than welcome to join in these sessions. Please speak to Nikki/Mel in the to sign up or for more information. Please note that once signed up you will be committed to a term, we are unable to cancel half way through. We do not provide refunds. Many thanks



Dates for your diary



21st December @ 6pm –2nd January 2019–Christmas break
19th–22nd April 2019– Easter break
6th May 2019–Bank holiday
27th May 2019–Bank holiday
2nd August 2019 @6pm–19th August 2019–Summer closure

Lateness

Please may I remind you a fee will be charged if your child is not collected at the agreed finishing time. This fee will be £10 for every 15 minutes or part thereof. All children are now signed in electronically and any children in the building after their agreed finishing time of either 13:00 or 18:00, you will automatically be charged a late fee. **THE LATE COLLECTION SHOULD BE USED FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY UNLESS BOOKED ON.**

This will also apply to any children who arrive before 8am unless booked onto an early session. Many thanks.

Invoices and Payment

Your monthly invoice will be enclosed with this newsletter. Where possible we prefer payment to be made directly by bank transfer.

Our bank details are as follows and **please always use your child's name as reference:-**

Sort Code: 40-20-23 **Account no:** 61627759 **Account name:** Bright Stars Nursery Ltd

We would encourage parents to utilise online and telephone banking to process payments at their convenience or to call head office on 01992 676631 in order to make a debit card payment over the phone from 9am – 5.30pm. If there are any issues or concerns as a result of this change please contact Linda at Head office.

Confirmation of Fees letter to Tax Office and other Government Departments.

Please be advised that all correspondence to the tax office or other Government departments is sent directly to them following requests from parents. To avoid any confusion we always include reference numbers on such correspondence. Please ensure, therefore, that you provide copies of any letters from the Tax Office which require a response from us to be attached to your requests to us. All such requests should be sent to Linda@brightstarsnursery.ltd.uk

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