

St. John's Mead Nursery Class Curriculum Letter Term 2

Themes for the term...

Welcome back to what is always a wonderfully busy term. We are joining in the school's book week this year, which is the week beginning 11th November. We would love to be able to share your children's favourite stories from home. One way that you could do this, would be to record yourself reading a story, with your child helping, and adding it as an attachment to Tapestry, or make sure your child's favourite book is named and send it in for us to share together. Also, on Friday 15th November the children can come to Nursery dressed as a book character if they would like to.

We will be learning about different winter celebrations this term, including Diwali, Advent, Hanukkah, and of course Christmas. We would love to see pictures of your celebrations, especially if they are not on our list, so we can extend our learning further.

We are really looking forward to going to see the 'Snow Mouse' at Yate library, a lovely story about the wonder of the winter season.

In other exciting news, at the end of this term will see the return of Charlotte to Nursery, following her maternity leave. She will be popping in on a few occasions to get to know the children, before taking over as Monday to Wednesday class teacher on 9th December. Heidi will remain class teacher on Thursday and Friday, and Victoria will be in on Wednesday afternoons.

The Great Outdoors



The weather may be getting colder and wetter but Wellie Walks still continue. We believe that children need to learn about the world through first hand experiences of nature, and thankfully we have the wonderful grounds to allow us to do so. We have been very fortunate to experience the joy of smelling and playing in freshly cut grass, basking in the autumn sunshine by our sandpit and scrunching our way through the fallen leaves in the woods but there are so many more experiences we can have in winter. We are looking forward to making footprints in the early morning frost, exploring ice, jumping in puddles, catching raindrops, and hopefully snow, and finding plenty of mud. To help us make the most of these opportunities, we ask that you ensure your child always has a warm, waterproof coat, wellies, gloves or mittens, scarf and hat during the cold weather, all with names in please. It would also be great for your child's independence skills if you could help them learn how to put on these items of clothing themselves too. As the saying goes, "There is no such thing as bad weather, just inappropriate clothing."



Dates to Remember

- **Week Beginning 11th November** Book Week
- **Friday 15th November** Dress up as a book character
- **Friday 22nd November 1.30pm**—visit to see 'Snow Mouse' at Yate Library
- **Friday 6th December** PTA presents for Parents, send in £1 with your child so they can choose a gift for a parent from the gift trolley.
- **Wednesday 18th December 9.15am** Nursery Nativity Performance in the Green Hall
- **Thursday 19th December 10am-12am** Nursery Christmas Party
- **Friday 20th December** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 20th December** Last day of Term 2
- **Monday 6th January** Whole School INSET day, Nursery closed
- **Tuesday 7th January** Start of term 3

Toy Fund

Thank you so much for your contributions to our Nursery 'Toy Fund' last term. Among other things, it funded our weekly cooking activities including fruit crumble, apple cake, pumpkin soup, and also lots of playdough. Going forward, we suggest a voluntary contribution of 20p per session, to be paid in on our online payments system. If you are able to contribute, we are very grateful for weekly or termly contributions.



Primary School applications need to be in by January 15th 2025.

To make your primary school application for your child for September 2025, visit www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions.

Please be aware that children attending SJM Nursery **do not** automatically transfer to the Reception class at St John's Mead Primary School. If you need any advice on completing the application please ask.