

Hello there! Welcome to Autumn – the season famous for its harvest times, turning leaves, cooling temperatures and darkening nights.

We're looking forward to a lot of fun activities at Bluebirds this autumn. First, on Monday 11th of November, all our children can wear something RED in celebration of Remembrance Day. Then, two days later, on Wednesday 13th of November, we join in for The Great Big Pudsey Day. Please send your children to the nursery in something SPOTTY and donate at least £1 for Children In Need. Can't wait!!!

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

- The owner of Arrow Cars opposite the nursery has asked us to appeal to all parents to cease parking their car in front of his business premises.
- There have been a few near miss accidents around the nursery car park & the road near the nursery, that could have been fatal, please let us hold our children's hands as they leave the nursery.
- Please be considerate as much as possible to ensure that other parents are not blocked in at the car park.

#### Preschool Room

During the Autumn theme, preschool children talked about the colour change to the leaves and how a Rainbow is a spectrum of colours. The children engaged in many arts and crafts activities including making a scarecrow to save the harvest, autumn prints and a night sky displaying all the wonderful Diwali lights.

They also used the computer to investigate nocturnal animals such as bats, foxes, mice and owls naming those they recognised.

The children worked so hard in the past month that now they are going into outer space for November!!!

For the autumn theme, toddlers spoke about leaves falling off trees and growing back every year. They explored the fact that leaves can be all sorts of colours - yellow, orange, green and brown this autumn.

Toddlers also focused on Diwali and learned that it is the festival of light. They explored all different colours and spoke about the different light sources they see every day. We made prints that look like fireworks using a toilet roll tube!

Toddlers also carved pumpkins and got all messy! They used it for sensory play and used the stalk to do some stamping. Some of they found out that pumpkin doesn't taste very nice, yuck!

### **Baby Room**

Our babies enjoyed exploring natural resources and playing with leaves. They felt dry and wet leaves for texture.

They played with orange jelly with leaves and natural resources in it. They used the jelly to explore different textures and taste. Later the jelly was used in role play when they were able to feed their baby dolls with it.

A lot of fun was had with pumpkins when they made different marks while painting with the stalk and they also scooped out the pulp into saucepans to try and cook it.

# Learning at Bluebirds

This month the children will be looking at - SPACE AND OUR PLANET!

## **MY NAME IN SPACE CRAFT**

#### You will need:

- Coloured card for space craft
- Coloured card to cut into squares or rectangular
- Foam letters, Yellow crepe paper
- Star stickers, glue

#### How to make them:

- Let your child search out his/her name in the foam letters or pick it out for them.
- Ask them to count how many letters there are and select the correct amount of squares for their rocket. It is a good idea to place the squares on the paper before using glue to make sure everything fits on the page.
- Glue each block into place and add the top of the rocket. Make sure to add the crepe for the rockets tail before gluing down the last square.
- Add star stickers to complete the space rocket feel. This is also great fine motor work!



In remembrance of the members of the armed forces who died in line of duty, Bluebirds wants parents to send their children in something **RED** for the day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.

Thank you!

### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS @ BLUEBIRDS**

We're looking forward to our Christmas celebrations. Please note the dates below:

Christmas Carol

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 – AM & PM sessions. Christmas Party

Wednesday 11th Dec 2019



# **Dates for Your Diary**

Last Day of Term for funded children Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2020

**Inset/Staff training Day** 

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

First Day back for funded children Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

#### **URGENT REMINDER!**

Please remember to send your child in with winter clothes like coats, scarf, gloves and hats for going out in the garden.

# **Reminders**

- Please pay attention when signing your child in or out of the nursery to ensure we're not signing another child in or out.
- Please help us return your child's reading book and record on time so they can have one each week to help with their learning.
- Our Policy and Procedure folder is located in the entrance hall and all parents are welcome to view this.
- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the nursery.
- Please help us keep the car park free of rubbish by putting all your litter in the big purple bin in the car park.
- Please avoid reversing out of the car park to avoid accidents with our neighbours – thanks
- Please note that although CCTV camera are in operation at the nursery 24/7, items left in the buggy park and the use of the car park are at owner's risk.