

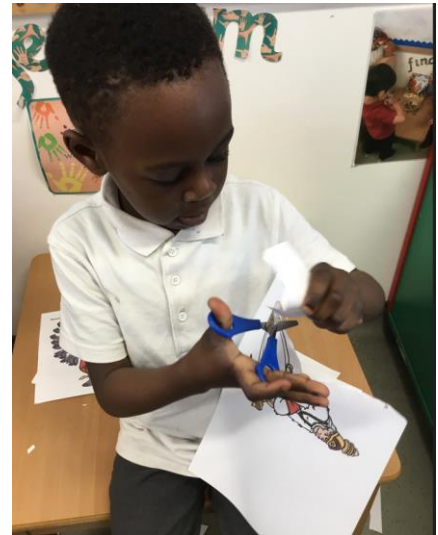
# Reception Newsletter 4.11.22



As the weather is becoming colder and wetter, please provide your child with a waterproof jacket with their name in it.

## Our learning

Welcome to our latest newsletter. This week we have been learning about Diwali and how Hindus, Jains and Sikhs celebrate it across the world. We have read the story of Rama and Sita, written cards to our friends, made Rangoli patterns and Mendhi patterns with paint.



## Forest school

This week in Forest School the children have enjoyed making and eating lots of yummy popcorn, hammering leaves to make beautiful prints on fabric and exploring the natural environment.



## Reading

Please ensure you are sending your child in to school with their reading wallet every day. This allows us to easily access your child's books and write in their diaries when we read with them.

We would like to reinforce that reading books will only be changed on a Friday if we see evidence in the reading record that each book has been read at least three times.

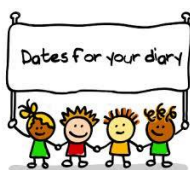


The children have shown great progression in their reading so far. In phonics we have learnt the following sounds:

**s a t p i n g o c k e u r**

Can you please continue to practise these sounds at home?

You can use flashcards to quickly show your children or have a sound hunt around the house.



**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** Forest School Taster Session- parents are welcome to join their children for a Forest School Session to see how they learn about risk taking and how they explore the nature around them.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Reception's Nativity.

Many thanks, The Reception Team



Let nature be your teacher."  
– William Wordsworth

### What is forest school?

The forest school association says that Forest School is an inspirational process, that offers all learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem. This is done through hands-on learning experiences in a natural environment such as the Nature Garden at Bessemer Grange Primary. We learn from nature and it is our hope to install a love of the outdoors in all children we work with.

### Who we are

Sam Bnidar helped develop Jolly Foresters to what it is today. He has a passion for outdoor cooking as a qualified chef and since gaining his Forest School qualification he loves spending time outside teaching children about the importance of nature and sharing his love of bushcraft skills. Sam will be the leader who visits your school. He will be supported by an assistant.

Play is the highest  
form of research  
– Albert Einstein

## What to wear

There is no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothing! Children have a much better time if they are well dressed for the weather. We are outside come rain or shine. Wellie boots, a water proof coat, hats and gloves are essential for the colder winter months.

## What to expect

No two days at forest school are the same. We encourage children to explore, learn from and just "be" in nature.

We always have bushcraft activities on the go, but the importance of the "process rather than the product" is the message we like to get across.

Activities we offer are whittling, sawing, drilling, nature collections, fire lighting and den building just to name a few. Children will have the opportunity to engage in self-led activities as well as team games and small group work using tools.



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