



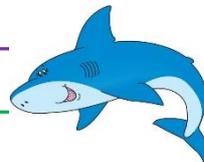
ST VINCENT'S NURSERY UPDATE

23 OCTOBER 2015

PRE-SCHOOL



The Preschool children have been doing some amazing work this term and are very quickly moving up our classroom beanstalks which recognise the children's achievements. We are very proud of them. This week we have started to look at changes in the environment now that autumn is here. We are also enjoying the Percy the Park Keeper books and are planning to recreate his garden shed at the bottom of the garden. The children have also been working on the concept of sound volume this week, in particular, loud and quiet. They have made some lovely music with the instruments and their favourite has been loud music! Each day we continue to practice our phonics and numeracy skills through fun games, songs and action rhymes. Over the next few weeks we have planned a variety of craft based activities including firework splatter paintings and colour mixing using our special colour wheel.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

23 October – Nursery closes for term time children.
3 November – Nursery opens for term time children.

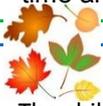
MISSION TOGETHER IN MALAWI

Thank you to all children and parents who brought in their collection boxes following last week's sponsored walk. Your donations are very much appreciated.



EARLY LEARNERS

This week have been focussing on the song "Five little Ducks." The children have enjoyed chanting this song and quacking for the little ducks to come swimming back. We have also been enjoying our Barefoot Books songs "Especially," "A Hole in the Bottom of the Sea" and "Looking for the Big Shark." The children have loved listening to the environmental sounds CD, seeing if they can recognise any sounds from around their home. When the weather has cooperated, they have also enjoyed playing outside collecting autumn leaves, making up their own running games and playing on the bikes and large equipment. The children have also been enjoying "Wake Up, Shake Up" at large group time and we have some very enthusiastic and original dancers.



UNITED NATIONS DAY – FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER



Today the children enjoyed celebrating United Nations Day with our Italian theme. We had some delicious Italian food created by our chefs and some lovely Italian music provided by one of our families, who are Italian. Our Preschool children excitedly joined in the parade with Reception children and we have all enjoyed waving our homemade Italian flags and banners. Thank you everyone, for making this a special day.



YOUNG EXPLORERS

The children have continued to enjoy their exploratory play activities, mixing red and green yoghurt together to make a new colour and making patterns with their fingers. They have also liked exploring yellow spaghetti, feeling the texture in their hands and tasting it. We have taken the children on walks to Stamford Park and King George's Pond watching the ducks, swans and geese and collecting autumn leaves for our display. The children have also enjoyed making the most of the garden whilst it is still sunny. They particularly enjoyed exploring the large foam bricks and making towers.



OCTOBER HALF TERM FUN

During the half term holiday, we have planned a range of exciting activities for the children to choose from including:

- Monday:** Autumn's crafts, cork tree painting, Halloween pairs games
- Tuesday:** pumpkin carving and decorating, autumn songs, I-Spy
- Wednesday:** Pumpkin Party – please feel free to come in fancy dress, Music Box
- Thursday:** Junk modelling (bats, spiders or pumpkins), Halloween ball skills
- Friday:** Pumpkin hunt, baking club-pumpkin cupcakes
- Monday:** Firework pictures, pretend sparklers, firework safety talk



There will be no newsletter next week but we will be displaying photographs of our Half Term fun on our website stvincentsnursery.com. Please take a look.



INDOOR SHOES

Please could you ensure that your children have their indoor shoes with them every day. The children change into indoor shoes for inside play so that they are comfortable and to enable us to keep the floors clean as toddlers and small children like to play on the floor. Shoe changing also encourages independence and is good preparation for school. The shoes can be slippers, pumps or any other suitable, inexpensive soft shoes. Staff also wear indoor shoes.