

Curriculum Information

At Little Explorers we introduce the children to a selection of carefully chosen stories that will capture their imagination and inspire their learning. We call these stories Core Stories.

This term's **Core Stories** are...

My Mother's Sari by Sandhya Rao

Whatever Next by Jill Murphy

Shark in the Park by Nick Sharratt

Father Christmas Needs a Wee by Nicholas Allen

These stories may be found in your local library or on YouTube (or if you wish to buy them they may be found second hand on websites like eBay).

We will be exploring the **theme 'Autumn Festivals and Light'**. This theme will particularly support your child in the following areas of learning...

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development– developing confidence to talk about themselves and their experiences; learning how to share and takes turns
- Communication and Language– listening to and retelling stories; developing our vocabulary
- Literacy– learning about rhyme and alliteration; giving meaning to marks
- People and Communities– learning about different celebrations including Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas; experiencing foods, clothing and music from different cultures
- Expressive Arts and Design– responding to fireworks with creative materials such as paint; dancing to Indian music

Mrs Wordsmith

All children at Compass Primary Academy follow the Mrs Wordsmith vocabulary programme and this begins in pre-school. Each week we introduce three words and encourage the children to use them throughout their day. Look out for the weekly words on the noticeboard.

Some Reminders

- Please name ALL items of clothing.
- Please make sure your child's purple bag is brought to pre-school each day and always contains a full set of spare clothes and all changing supplies.
- Please make sure that your child brings in a suitable warm coat weather (please be aware that coats are likely to get dirty)
- Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies at pre-school.

Learning through Play

Play is extremely important and valued by all practitioners at Little Explorers. You should now have access to your child's online Learning Journal on **Tapestry** so that you can see how your child is learning through play at pre-school and share how your child learns at home. Please ask if you need support.

Dates For your Diary

- **Thursday 7th November– Drop Everything and Read 11.20am and 2.55pm–** come and enjoy some stories with your child
- **Wednesday 13th November– Pre-school Parents Evening 3.30-6pm**
- **Friday 15th November– Children in Need—**wear something spotty
- **Monday 18th November– School Photos**
- **Monday 25th November– Pre-school Stay and Play 8.40-10am and 2-3.15pm**
- **Thursday 5th December– School Christmas Fair**
- **Tuesday 17th December– Pre-school Christmas Sing-a-long**
- **Thursday 19th December– Pre-school Christmas Party**