



Autumn Term 2022 No 1

# WINDOW ON OUR WORLD



## Welcome to the Autumn Term

We have been welcoming back existing and new children and their families to The Lawns during the first three weeks and they are now settling in to the daily routine of the School. Children are getting to know their key workers and their peers and have had lots of opportunities to explore the environment and access the many activities and resources on offer.



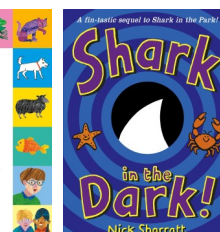
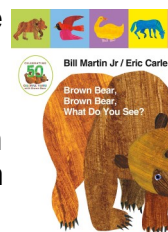
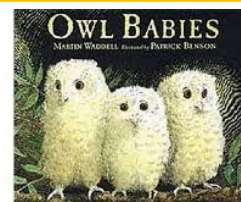
Key workers use Tapestry to post observations and photos to keep you 'in the picture'. It's always nice to receive a thumbs up or comment from you so that we know you have seen our posts. Nursery letters are sent out on the Memo section of the website: [www.tapestryjournal.com](http://www.tapestryjournal.com). Should you wish to have a longer conversation with a key worker, please call to make a phone appointment.



## Planning

This term our medium plan is to look at the change of season to Autumn, observing the changes and putting the natural resources to good use as we work with leaves, conkers, sticks, pumpkins and gourds. As the term progresses we will explore the woodlands and the creatures and animals that live there. We shall talk about the nights drawing in and the changing weather and look at how we can take care of ourselves, keeping safe, fit and healthy.

We will be singing autumnal songs and looking at a set of ten books, including 'Owl Babies', 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear', 'Shark in the Dark' and 'Shark in the Park on a Windy Day'.



## Spiders in Saplings

In Saplings, as well as helping the children to settle and encouraging them to be kind and share the resources, we have followed the children's interest in spiders! They had been spotting lots of spiders in the garden so we created our own using natural resources in the dough.



## Weather & Clothing

Weather wise we have had a good start to the term and have been able to explore and access the whole garden. Just a reminder our woodland garden has very rough terrain in places with lots of tripping hazards so firm footwear is a must. All children should by now have a pair of named wellies at school so that they are ready for the inevitable puddles and mud! Don't forget if children come in wellies they must have indoor shoes to change into.

As the weather changes please make sure children are wearing warm, waterproof clothing as we are very much an outdoor school and will go out in most weathers, so it is important that the children are dressed appropriately and have a coat with them each day. Please make sure they also have lots of spare tops, bottoms, pants and socks in their drawstring change bag (there isn't room on the pegs for bulky ruck sacks).

**"There's no such thing as bad weather,  
just inappropriate clothing"**



Please include a pack of **wipes and nappy sacks** in your child's drawstring change bag.  
*Thank you*

## Snacks



Please send a small simple snack for each of your child's sessions, in a small named container (not a lunch box). A piece of fruit/vegetable or a couple of crackers/breadsticks is enough. Please do not send yoghurt or cream cheese for snack, although they are fine for lunch. Don't forget to send a named water bottle, no juice thank you. And remember we are a Nut Free School.

## Friends of The Lawns

We have a wonderful team of parents and carers who fundraise for us and they are always grateful for new volunteers. Let Louise on Reception know if you would like to get involved.



## Starting School

If your child was born between 1 Sept 2018 and 31 Aug 2019 you will need to apply for a school place by 15 Jan 2023 online at: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

## Term Dates

An academic calendar is available on our website:  
[www.thelawnsbiggleswade.org/Day to Day/Term Dates](http://www.thelawnsbiggleswade.org/Day%20to%20Day/Term%20Dates)

### Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September - Friday 16th December

Half Term: Monday 24th - Friday 28th October

Inset / Training Day: Monday 31st October

### Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January - Friday 31st March

Half Term: Monday 13th - Friday 17th February

### Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April - Friday 21st July

Bank Holiday: Monday 1st May

Half Term: Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June

## Illness & Absence:

**Call 01767 312312**

Please phone in and let us know if your child will be absent due to illness. If we are unable to answer the phone, please leave a message on the answerphone.

Alternatively you can send us an email to: [nursery.school@thelawnsbiggleswade.org](mailto:nursery.school@thelawnsbiggleswade.org)

Please note if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea, we have a 48 hour absence policy following the last episode of either.



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You can also complete a paper application form which is available from your local school or by contacting School Admissions  
[admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk) 0300 300 8037  
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