



September and October update!

Buttercup

The Buttercups have been busy exploring 'vehicles' both inside and out. We have all enjoyed playing with the new garage in the playroom and have been out visiting the fire station, the train station and we're planning a trip to the bus station in the near future.

We're also planning lots of local walks to see the autumn leaves changing colour and falling as well all the Halloween decorations. There will be lots of messy play and sensory activities with autumnal themes including pumpkins, spooky sensory and light sensory.

Daisy

Hello, in Daisy we are really engaging with our different loose parts and new resources in the room. We are trying to go on more local walks as we are really interested in the transport that we see, so we have been naming these and singing different transport songs! We are also really engaging with mark making with different resources, this is helping us build our fine motor skills.

Over the coming weeks we are hoping to go on more nature walks, to collect sticks, leaves and pinecones to explore back in the room. If you go on any local walks, and would like to collect any of these for us, this would be great, thank you!

Snowdrop

Snowdrop have shown a keen interest in numeracy, working hard on our numbers, learning to recognise numbers visually too. We have introduced number lines and added measuring tapes to our area. We are working on bigger and smaller, comparing heavier and lighter. We have also began working on sequenced counting up to 20 and back from 10.

A topic which is always a favourite within Snowdrop is animals. This session in particular is farm animals. We will look at all animals and learn about harvest time in more detail.

To help gain more knowledge we are taking a class trip to East Links farm on October 7th. We are super excited to go and explore and have a really fun day.

Bluebell

Bluebell have been focusing on "people who help us" and "our environment" we have had a fireman and lollipop man in to speak the children and have been on local walks to see where they work, we have also went to local businesses to learn about money and what it is used for

Staffing Update

Danielle has started her period of absence to undergo her cancer treatment. We are all wishing Danielle a speedy recovery and very much look forward to having her back in the nursery.

Karyn and Daniel will be working together in the deputy manager role to support the nursery during Danielle's absence.

Weather Appropriate Clothing

As the weather is turning colder and wetter can we please ask that all parents provide weather appropriate clothing such as scarfs, gloves, hats, wellies, and waterproof suits for all children to enjoy outdoor play. These items must remain in the nursery where possible.

Halloween

We are hosting a pumpkin decorating competition for Halloween, we are asking those families who wish to take part to decorate a pumpkin anyway you wish, take a photo of it and send it to the playrooms throughout the month of October where it will be added to a room collage. During the week of 25th October your child is more than welcome to come into nursery in their fancy dress outfits

COVID 19

To help us deliver a successful programme for our nursery community we would ask that all parents and carers continue to follow the COVID 19 regulations and follow those requirements to the letter. It is essential that people do not attend a setting if symptomatic. Everyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 must self-isolate straight away, stay at home and arrange a test via the appropriate method and follow all Test & Protect procedures.

You can end self-isolation as long as you:

- *are fully vaccinated – this means you've received 2 doses from the NHS and have had your second dose more than 14 days ago*
- *have received a negative PCR test result*
- *do not have, or develop, symptoms*

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Following this process will help ensure the whole Almond Park extended family is kept as safe as possible whilst COVID 19 remains within our wider community.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October Break: 18th October – 25th October term time children off

Children return 26th October

We hope you find this interesting and please do speak with a member of staff if you would like further details or if you would like to comment or make suggestions for future topics.