



**21st October
2020**



Ark Priory Primary Academy Nursery Autumn Term (Second Half)

Thank you so much for all your support this half term in these very different times. I wish more than anything that we could have an open-door policy like previous years and show you just how far your children have come in just a few short weeks. It has been so much fun getting to know them and they have adapted beautifully to new routines and boundaries, we are extremely proud!

The Nursery Team:

Mrs Kelly (Teacher)
Miss Masabbir (Teaching Assistant)
Miss Shamaun (Teaching Assistant)
Miss Williams (Placement student)

Key reminders:

Please provide complete change of clothes (t-shirt, trousers, underwear and socks) and ensure all items of clothing and bag are clearly labelled.

KEY DATES:
2nd / 3rd November

VIRTUAL PARENT MEETINGS:

Look out for an invite to a Microsoft Teams meeting (these are allocated alphabetically and can only be changed in extenuating circumstances).

**16th December
CHRISTMAS
PERFORMANCE**
(AM and PM)
(Note this is likely to be on Zoom)

Curriculum:

This term our topic is Celebrations, we will be exploring birthdays, Guy Fawkes night, Hanukkah, Eid and of course towards the end of term – Christmas! This topic lends itself to developing speech, language skills and confidence as children link and share their experiences from home. There will also be lots of opportunity to be creative; during group time experiential learning activities such as baking cakes, making 'big-art' fireworks and of course practising for our class nativity! We have also included popular traditional tales the repetition and rhyme particularly support children who are EFL and EAL and they absolutely love to role play them in class!



Medium term planning will be emailed to you and uploaded onto the website at the beginning of next half term.

How you can help at home?

Introduce your children to our books of the week for next half term and consolidate learning at home:

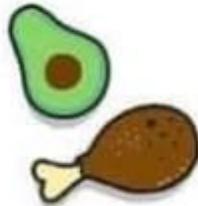
Hovis the Hedgehog
How Many Sleeps? / Kippers Birthday
The Gingerbread Man
The Three Little Pigs
Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Sammy Spiders First Hanukkah
The night Before Christmas

Please complete the home learning tasks and either upload a picture onto EExAT (let me know as soon as possible if you are unable to access this) or complete in your child's Home Learning Journal. Bring this in ANY day they attend nursery and we will aim to feed it back in carpet time and hand it back to you the same day.

Please find on the next page some simple but effective ideas for learning at home.

16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning

1. Cooking & Baking



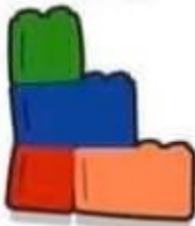
2. Meal Planning

3. Budgeting



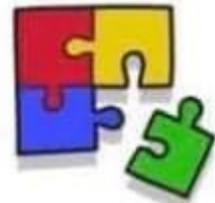
4. Checking the Weather Forecast

5. Building with LEGO



6. Playing Card Games

7. Playing Board Games



8. Doing Puzzles

9. Imaginative Play



10. Listening to Music

11. Reading



12. Coloring, Drawing, Painting

13. Listening to Podcasts or Audiobooks



14. Writing Letters or Emails

15. Taking a Walk



16. Cleaning & Doing Chores