

A message from the team

Hello again! The children continue to be settled and happy and returned well after our short closure. We would like to thank all our parents/carers for their ongoing vigilance in social distancing and helping to keep us all safe.

Nursery Staff

Mrs Harrison - Teacher (Monday to Thursday) Mrs Earnshaw -Teacher (Thursday PPA cover and all day Friday)

Mrs Naylor - Nursey nurse

Mrs Palmer - Teaching assistant

Mrs Halligan - One to one support

Miss Ashman - One to one support (AM)



Theme

Our theme this half term is 'Celebrations' and the children have enjoyed exploring Halloween, keeping safe on Bonfire Night and learning about Diwali – we hope you liked the lovely Diva lamps. We have also talked about birthdays and weddings. The next one is of course is...Christmas! We intend to make this Christmas as enjoyable and special for your children as any other year.

Tasks for home

We hope you are enjoying sharing our 'Rhyme of the Week' – the children tell us they are teaching you well!



Your child also now brings home a 'Sound of the Week' and we can tell you are encouraging them with this learning. Remember the initial focus is on sound recognition but writing the sounds (in the air) is also beneficial. If you need any clarification or assistance with this, please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff.

We really enjoy sharing your child's learning with you and will regularly send home a 'What I did at home' template for you to complete with your child and return to Nursery. We then celebrate their achievements or special times together in Nursery.

Twitter

We really enjoy sharing the children's learning environment and activities we do in class with you via Twitter. We update this regularly throughout the week to keep you up to date with what is going on in school. Don't forget to post your own tweets too!



@OPALG_N2021

Sharing Tree



Our first Sharing Tree in Nursery corridor: 'Look How We've Grown' was a great success. Thank you for all your contributions. We look forward to the day when you can see it up close. We will shortly be turning it into a Christmas Tree, so watch out for a bauble coming home for decoration!

Resources

We are always very grateful for any resources we can use especially things we can use to make models at school. Please see below a list of resources we are always looking for to enhance our modelling area.

- Cardboard tubes and various sized boxes
- Pasta
- Buttons and ribbons
- Tin foil
- Yoghurt pots
- Materials
- Anything interesting that you have spare and you think the children will enjoy using!

All resources will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before use.



Reading



At OPA Lofthouse Gate, we love to read! Each term we will have our 5 favourite class books to enjoy with the children. This term, our favourite 5 books are:

Room on the Broom
Winnie the Witch
Cake
The Stick Man
Pumpkin Soup

Many thanks for your continued support,

The Nursery Team