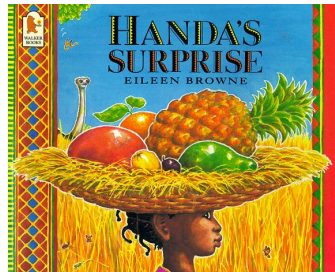




Dear Parents & Carers,

Teaching and Learning for this month



Our book of the month for October was the following:

Class 2 (babies and toddlers) and Class 3 (preschool) - '**Handa's Surprise**' by Eileen Browne.

This book is about a young girl, Handa, who wants to surprise her friend, Akeyo, with seven delicious fruits. The village she lives in is based in East Africa, Kenya. We felt that this book was perfect for this time of year as we have been celebrating different cultures and traditions such as Black History Month and Halloween. Reading this book to our children gave them an opportunity to widen their knowledge and experiences of diversity and inclusion.

Through this book we explored and learnt about different people in our community and the world around us. Children's vocabulary was further extended by learning and using descriptive language to express their thoughts and feelings. Children really enjoyed speaking about their families and home life. The book also gave us a chance to explore different types of foods and traditional clothing. Staff set out some creative activities for the children to take part in this month i.e. designing african necklaces, baking fruit salads and banana cakes and creating music with african drums. Our book of the month has allowed us to produce some beautiful work, which we always display around the nursery, captured in our observations and in the children's busy books. To help bring our book of the month to an end and to further stretch and challenge our children, we encourage parents to buy this book and to encourage children to try and taste the different fruits from this book to extend their palates, which will continue their learning. What other recipes can you make with the fruits?

Handa's Surprise

By Eileen Browne

The story can be watched on YouTube if you do not have access to a physical book :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XyIV_xYi0as

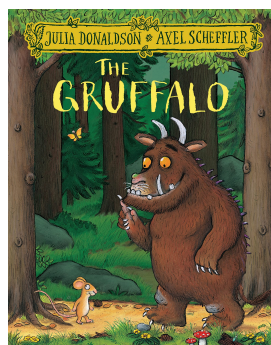
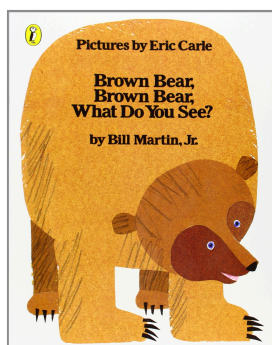
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<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/bookfinder-results/#!?cat=2555.2565&sortOption=Relevance&pageNo=1&pageSize=8>

November Events

Book of the Month

For the month of November our book of the month for baby room is 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' by Bill Martin Jr. For both the toddler room and the preschool room (class 3) they will be focusing on 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. This fits in perfectly with our focus on Nature and the forest environment as The Gruffalo is based in a forest.



Events this month

As part of being a diverse and multicultural setting please see some of the festivals and cultures in November that we will be celebrating; Guy Fawkes Day, Diwali festivals of light, Remembrance day and Guru Nanak's birthday. Staff will also focus the teaching and learning around 'anti bullying week', 'road safety' and 'Children In Need'.



Diwali & Guy Fawkes

Celebrating Festivals - Thursday 9th November

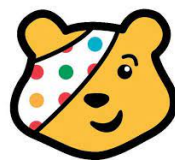
Parents we will be hosting a special festival celebration of colours, dance and lights as we celebrate the homecoming of Prince Rama and Princess Sita from the story of Diwali with yummy food, dancing and lots of rangoli designing. We will also be celebrating the lights of fireworks night with lots of colourful paintings.



Remembrance day

Remembering our brave soldiers - Friday 10th November

On the 11th of November marks the time when we remember our war heroes. As a mark of respect we shall be holding a 2 minute silence for the brave men and women who fought for our country. We brighten our day with poppy making and wreath laying in our playground under our tree of remembrance in the school playground.



Children in Need

Dress Up in Spots/Pyjamas - Friday 17th November

Dress up in colourful spots!!! The more spots the better. We love spots. You can wear a subtle t-shirt, your favourite pair of spotty socks or a wacky spotty tie. Whatever you decide, be sure to pick up one of the cakes the children will be baking to raise money for the Children in Need charity.

Professional photographs - 1st December 9am - 11.30am

ALL FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS AND AFTERNOON PUPILS MUST COME BETWEEN 9.00-10.30AM

Very soon, we have our professional photos that will take place (Winter themed). Please remember to dress your child in their best attire or speak to a member of staff about changing them just before their photo is taken. Family pictures are encouraged to be taken as they provide lasting memories for you and your child!

Parents Evening & Evidence Me

From Monday 28th November to Friday 2nd December Little Ellies will be holding parents evening (face to face). Appointments will be available in the coming weeks so we invite you to book an appointment with your child's key person to discuss how your child has settled and is developing within the nursery. Furthermore, it is a meeting on how we will work alongside you to help your child meet their developmental goals. You will be able to look through your child's busy book, share any concerns or ask questions that you may have. Please make sure that you book a suitable time with your child's key worker. Meeting with your child's key worker is very important especially if you need to discuss anything about your child's development.

If you are not receiving observations (Evidence Me) or emails updating you of the upcoming events please ensure you email at childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk, and I will address the matter. Please also make us aware of any changes to contact details and email addresses as our first form of contact is via email.

If you are not currently on our mailing list and want to join please send an email to: childcare@ellenwilkinson.newham.sch.uk so that you can be added. It is the fastest and most effective way in keeping you updated with nursery life.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week happens from 13th -17th November. This week we really look into what it means to be a kind friend. We look at our Anti-Bullying charter and look at how we can be the best version of ourselves.

Wear your odd socks to help raise awareness that it doesn't matter if we are different, we are all capable of being a great friend.



Wednesday 15th November

Parent tips: Toileting

Before we start potty training at nursery:

- Your child should be settled and familiar with their key person and the environment.
- You must start for 2 weeks at home. Once your child is using the toilet or potty we can start at nursery.
- Talk to the key person. Discuss with them before your child comes to nursery in pants/knickers. This then prepares the key person to support your child.

Provide a minimum of 3 sets of changes of clothes daily.

Please be aware that we encourage children to be independent. Children are encouraged as much as possible to clean themselves after toileting. Please encourage your child to wipe themselves and to wash hands after toileting. Be mindful that at nursery your child may have accidents and please remain calm if this happens. Children at 2 and 3 years are building their confidence and self-esteem. Even though your child may be dry at home they may be wet at nursery, children develop at different stages. This is not the fault of the child and is not because your child is not taken or asked if they want to go to the toilet. The nursery is a large environment with people, children, different areas and activities that they are familiarising with daily. Please note your child will get there and it is not a race. Together we will support your child to toilet train through building their confidence and self-esteem by praising and rewarding them.

Policies

Little Ellies policies have been ratified by the Governing Body for Ellen Wilkinson Primary School. Over the next few weeks we will be updating the school website to reflect the policies.

If you would like a paper copy version of a particular policy please request so from the management office.

Extended Learning

Indoor and outdoor learning ideas for 0 to 6 year olds.

Seeing the weather is a bit hit and miss at the moment, please see the following links which will give you ideas on activities you can do with your child both indoor and outdoor.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/things-to-do-indoors-with-your-children?collection=activities-to-do-with-kids>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/outdoor-activities?collection=activities-to-do-with-kids>

Keeping Children Safe

This section is to give you information and tips on the best ways to keep children safe. We as a setting have statutory documents that we are given training on every year. Keeping children safe in education is one of them and has been updated in September 2022 (see our safeguarding board). Have a look at the Keeping children Safe in Education 2022 document with the link below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1101457/KCSIE_2022_Part_One.pdf

E-safety

If your child already has a smartphone or tablet, or you're planning to get them one, see our 5 top tips to make sure it's set up to give them a safer online experience.



<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/mobile-health-check-for-kids-smartphones-and-tablets/>

Safeguarding is paramount at Little Ellies and we as a setting take it very seriously

If you have any questions, please note that you can call the setting on **0207 511 1276** and an appointment will be arranged for you to discuss any questions or concerns with the Room leaders or a member of the Management team. Thank you for taking the time to read over our newsletter. Please have a look at our upcoming events for the month of November and save the dates. Thank you for choosing us as your daycare provider!

Kind Regards,
Sheleena Laskar
(Manager)