

Clough Nursery Unit

November 2023



Dear Parent,

Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn term. We are glad to be back at Nursery after the break and we look forward to getting back into our routine and to doing new, enjoyable activities with your child.

Our theme for the first week will be **Fire**. The following week we will think about **A Walk in the Wood**. As we move further into the Autumn season with shorter daylight hours and longer nights, we will take up the new theme of **Day and Night**.

Our new colours are **black and white** so we would appreciate any items your child can lend to the colour table to create a black and white display.

Our shape is the **Triangle**. Again you could encourage your child to look all around for triangles in their environment. You can send in photos of what they have found via Seesaw if you wish.

Here is a list of our special events in Nursery in November:

- **Monday 6th November**
Fire Crew to visit Nursery to talk about the important work of Fire Fighters and to help us think about fire safety.
- **Friday 10th 17th & 24th November**
Watch Me Play programme begins. This is a sport and movement programme, where coaches come from Antrim Playball to teach new skills to your children. Please ensure appropriate footwear is worn each Friday.
- **Tuesday 14th November – Thursday 16th November**
The Health Visitor will be in the main school to meet with you to discuss your child's 3+ review. Please pick a suitable time from the timetable which will be displayed at the entrance to Nursery.
- **Wednesday 15th & Thursday 30th November**
More visits from Jo Jingles for fun with music and movement.

Language Development

To help with our language development, each weekend we will be sending home a puppet. Please write, draw or take photos of your time with the puppet and return him and the accompanying book to school the following Monday so that your child can talk about their weekend to the rest of the class. Please do not feel under pressure to do anything extraordinary with the puppet, normal experiences are fine.

We will also be sending home a small container, which we would like you and your child to fill with black and white objects. These are brought back to school the next day for your child to show and talk about to the rest of the class. These could be simple items like a ball of cotton wool, a piece of coal, chalk or a button. Please do not worry if the holder is not full. This is aimed to be a stimulus to discussion with you and your child, and then with your child expressing him/herself to the class when they show their particular items.

I would like to thank you all for coming to the Parent Interviews in October. It is always great to see such a high level of interest in our children's education.

Please feel free to talk to the Nursery staff if you have any questions about the above.

Thank you,

A. Marrs