

Learning in October



28th October 2024

Eastwood Newsletter—Issue 2

HOUSEKEEPING

General reminders

- If your child is going to be away on holiday, please notify us as soon as possible in writing. All absences should be emailed to edn@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk (Day Nursery children) or admin@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk (Nursery School children).
- **Please remember, that in line with our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures, the use of mobile phones is not permitted.**
- Please ensure that your children's clothing is labelled. We have a lost property box in Reception.
- **Please make sure when entering or leaving the premises you do not open the door for any other individuals or families.**

BEECH CLASS

Please do continue to share with us the learning at home tasks that you have completed with your child. The children have been enjoying sharing their rockets and family trees with one another so far this term.

OAK CLASS

We have made some changes to the environment in Oak Class. Please continue to ensure that you remove your child's shoes when they arrive. During the day the children will be able to keep on their shoes to support with free flow between the garden and classroom. We ask that all adults and visitors remove their shoes and we will have a no shoe policy in our designated baby area.

Learn to
Love to
Read

**LET'S CHAT, PLAY, SING AND
READ TOGETHER!**
FREE Sessions for parents and their children
aged 2 to 4 years

Where: Eastwood Nursery School
When: 8.50-9.30 am
Thursdays 21st, 28th Nov and 5th and 12th Dec 2024
(4 week programme)

Share books
Gifts
Playing games
Singing
Tips

Please sign up on our website
<https://bit.ly/46syqCb>

A LOVE FOR READING

At Eastwood we have an exciting opportunity for families to join in with some *Learn to love to Read* sessions with their child/children. You can sign up for this at Reception.

Beech and Oak Class children will also be joining in with rhyming and story telling sessions on a Friday morning with the librarian October from Roehampton Library.

Upcoming Events



NURSERY SCHOOL DIARY DATES

DAY NURSERY DIARY DATES



November 2024

Monday 4th November 2024 — Closed for Inset Day

Friday 15th November 2024 — Dress in your pyjamas for Children in Need

Monday 18th November 2024 and Wednesday 20th November 2024 — NIPA Parent Workshops (QR Code below)

December 2024

Thursday 12th December 2024 — A festive bedtime storytelling session 3:30pm — 4:15pm

Friday 20th December 2024 — Last day of term

Monday 23rd December 2024 — Monday 6th January 2025 — Nursery school closure

Tuesday 7th January 2025 — Nursery School reopens

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December 2024

Wednesday 4th December 2024 — Parents Evening

Thursday 5th December 2024 — Parents Evening

Tuesday 10th December 2024 — A festive bedtime storytelling session (**Oak Class**) 5:45pm — 6:30pm

Thursday 12th December 2024 — A festive bedtime storytelling session (**Beech Class**) 5:45pm — 6:30pm

Tuesday 24th December 2024 — Early closure of 1:00pm

Wednesday 25th December 2024 — Wednesday 1st January 2025 — Day Nursery closure

Thursday 2nd January 2025 — Day Nursery reopens

Find out more about this project here and Eastwood's involvement in NIPA —

Sign up for Parent Workshops here -





Our Focus Story and Learning



In celebration of Black History month, Oak class have listened to the story of, **Anansi the spider stories**. Anansi the Spider is an African Folktale from the Ashanti people of Ghana.

Oak class were keen to create the very own spiders, using paper plates and creating marks on a paper to create different web patterns. The children were encouraged to discuss marks made and for the younger children they were given the opportunity to freely explore with a wide variety of resources.



The children were all keen to join in with some large scale mark making on the floor. After some time they then decided to explore the feeling of paint and the paintbrushes on their feet. The children explored the cold, wet and slippery texture of the paint and compared the sizes of one another's feet, "Your feet are bigger than mine".



Ready, Steady, Go....

The children created their very own water slide for the small world people calling out ready, steady, go as the pretend people splashed into the water.

Threading and Patterns

The children used large cotton reels to explore rolling and dropping. They managed to hold the cotton reel and drop these onto the straws, filling the straw from the bottom to the top. Some of the children even created their very own patterns.





Our rocket experiment...



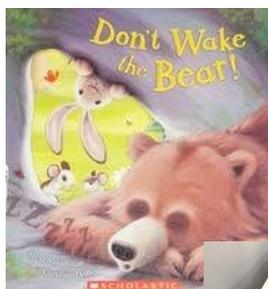
This month the children have continued to learn more about space and how to travel there.

We had our very own rocket experiment by mixing bicarbonate of soda and vinegar in a bottle. The children sang 'Zoom Zoom' as they waited in anticipation for the rocket to blast off, which it did and made its way over our garden fence!

We also experimented with becoming astronauts making a rocket out of paper which the children wrapped themselves up in. Let's not forget our control panel and astronaut helmets that the children also used for their pretend journey.



Bears and Hibernation



The children have been enjoying the story, 'Don't wake the Bear!'. They competently acted out the story afterwards using their own caves to hibernate in.

When their peers woke them from their hibernation they called out "WHO DARES WAKE ME UP?"

We will be learning more about hibernation and animals during November.



Learning about Autumn

The children have been exploring with natural items collected in our garden.

They have been making patterns by printing with leaves and creating natural habitats for the pretend animals to leave in.

