



# West Ham Church School

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## Early Years Foundation Stage

Weekly News Page

Autumn 1, Week 8

22nd October 2021



### Wonder, Harmony, Compassion, Strength

#### School Vision

Our vision is to enable children, with God's guidance, to know and appreciate the **wonder** of God's creation, to live in **harmony** embracing differences, to always act with **compassion** inspired by the example of Jesus, and to have the **strength** to follow their dreams and achieve their goals.

#### Prayer Space

*A prayer from the team at All Saints Church*

Time is precious,  
Help us to use it well.

With so many things to do each day, may we still find time to care for each other, just as you, God, care for us.

Amen.

*Everyone at West Ham Church School wishes you a safe, happy and restful half term break.*

### EYFS Team

#### Teachers

**Miss Davis** - Little Owls

**Ms Rice** - Ladybirds

**Miss Upson** - Dragonflies

**Miss Holroyde** - Phase Leader

#### Additional Staff

Mrs Aryel, Mrs Aziz,

Ms Begum, Mrs Palmer,

Miss Starling

Whilst we are available for any quick questions about your child at the end of the school day, please be mindful that we need to dismiss all the children safely. Please contact the school office if you have a question that requires more of our time.

### Value

Our school value this term was  
*generosity*

### Collective Worship

This week, the children have continued to practise singing "This Little Light of Mine" and "My Lighthouse". Why not try and sing along at home?

We have continued to find out more about the bible, and why it is special for Christians. We have enjoyed hearing lots of different bible stories this term, and are starting to become more familiar with the Christian Creation Story, and Noah's Ark.



*Next term, Dragonflies and Ladybirds will begin to join the rest of the school for collective worship in the hall. Please speak with your child about the importance of being respectful of other people's beliefs, whether this time is spent in prayer or in quiet reflection.*



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## Little Owls Nursery

The children in **Little Owls** will be starting Forest School after half term. They will have Forest School on **Monday mornings**.

Your child will need a waterproof coat and their own pair of wellies. Please ensure that these items are all named.

It has been wonderful to talk to parents and carers this week; thank you for your support this term. If you have any further questions or comments, please speak to the Nursery staff.

Nursery have loved reading the story *Leaf Man* this week. We have spoken about how the seasons change and the children have made their own leaf people. Our topics next term will be 'Once Upon a Time' and 'Sparkle and Shine', looking at different fairytales and speaking about different festivals and celebrations, starting with talking about what we celebrate at home. It has been lovely reading all the comments in the children's reading diaries - please continue to read during the holiday. Have a happy and safe half term!



## Talk for Writing

This week we looked at using symbols to retell a story.

To support your child at home, please ask them to try and draw the symbols for The Three Little Pigs. You could come up with your own symbols together!

## Forest School

This week the children in **Dragonflies** and **Ladybirds** have continued to explore capacity and weight using water and conkers, develop their balance and coordination skills, and collect materials to build houses for the three little pigs.



## Ballet

We are excited about our new partnership with Primrose School of Dance, who will be teaching ballet to all



children from Nursery to Year 2. There will also be an optional **ballet club** (£5 per session) after school on Thursdays. Please contact the office to book.

## School Lunches



Please view the new school lunch menu on our website and discuss the options with your child.

Please note that there will be no sandwich option after half term.

## Half Term

We hope that everyone has a happy, restful half term. We will reopen as normal at 8:30am on Monday 1st November.

## Diwali Day

On Thursday 4th November we will be finding out all about the festival of Diwali, and the ways it is celebrated. We will be having a special day in school, with the opportunity to create our own diva lamps.



## Start of the School Day

Please note that we are now encouraging parents to come **into the playground** to drop their child off and speak to an adult if necessary. Please do not cross the wooden fence, but remain in the main playground.



## Home Learning

We will be asking parents to support your child's learning at home, either through consolidating learning from this week, or by preparing something for the following week. *Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.*

### **Little Owls**

Encourage your child to complete their home learning challenge tasks as independently as possible.

### **Ladybirds and Dragonflies**

Encourage your child to complete their home learning challenge tasks independently. The children will also each receive a small pack with activities to support the development of their fine motor skills.

*Please return this on Monday  
 1st November.*

## Rhyme Time!

This week's rhyme was  
**Wiggly Woo**

There's a worm at the bottom of the garden,  
 And his name is Wiggly Woo.  
 There's a worm at the bottom of the garden,  
 And all that he can do,  
 Is wiggle all night, and wiggle all day,  
 Whatever else the people say,  
 There's a worm at the bottom of my garden,  
 And his name is Wiggly Woo!



## Reading Books

Your child will be bringing home a reading book from school. Please read with your child daily. Please ensure the books are returned to school on **Thursday** (Little Owls) and **Tuesday** (Ladybirds and Dragonflies).



**Ryan**, for his wonder and curiosity when exploring the classroom environment and his determination when trying new things.



**Little Owls:** Adam Z, for working hard in maths and overcoming challenges in PE.

**Ladybirds:** Rayane for being a happy and positive member of the class and always trying his best.

**Dragonflies:** Priscila for her perseverance and ever growing confidence in class.

## This Week's Learning

We used finger painting to create leaves on autumn trees.



This week in maths, we have been consolidating our understanding of numbers 1 to 5. We are beginning to use five frames so that we can recognise some of these numbers without counting.

Little Owls made their own Leaf Man characters!



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## Reception

Curriculum  
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*some of our activities for the first week back*



### Communication and Language

Focus activity: talking about  
Bonfire Night



The children will work in small groups to talk about what happens around Bonfire Night, and how we can stay safe around fireworks.



*Why are fireworks dangerous?*

### Personal, Social, and Emotional Development (PSED)

Focus activity: celebrating my achievements

The children will think about what they are good at, and talk about how everyone is good at different things.



### Understanding the World

Focus activity: exploring how Diwali is celebrated

The children will hear about how different people celebrate Diwali, and compare this to different celebrations in their own home.

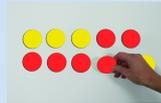
*What do you celebrate at home?*



### Mathematics

Focus activity: comparing quantities of identical objects

The children will look at groups of objects and use the vocabulary of *less* and *more* to compare them.



*Who has more counters?*

### Physical Development

Focus activity: making a diva lamp



The children will build hand and wrist strength by moulding and shaping clay into diva lamps. They will then develop their fine motor skills when painting and decorating their lamps.

*How can you change the shape of the clay?*



### Expressive Arts and Design

Focus activity: firework painting



The children will explore what happens when they roll marbles through paint on top of black card to create their own firework picture.

*Which colours can you see?*



### Literacy

Focus activity: exploring non-fiction books

*information fact*

*label*

*caption*

The children will look at the features of non-fiction books and begin to create their own non-fiction page about a machine of their choice.

*text*

*picture*

*What is a non-fiction book?*

### Phonics

*Phase 2 Sounds*



This week's sounds:  
**h, b, f, l**

### Phonics - Key Words

This week's Phonic Fairy (*high frequency*) words:  
**his, had, him, back, big, but, be, in, off, if, of**

This week's Tricky Troll (*common exception*) words:  
**I, no, go, has**





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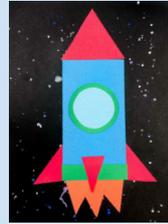
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### Mathematics

Focus activity: recognising 2D shapes



The children will choose from 2D shapes to create their own shape rocket picture.

*Which shapes did you use?*

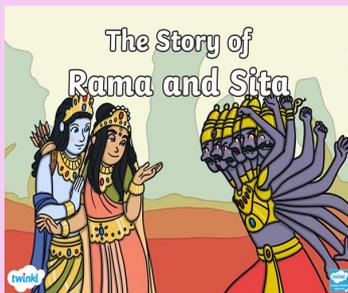
### Expressive Arts and Design

Focus activity: making a Diwali card



The children will use their fine motor skills to decorate a Diwali card.

*Which colours will you use?*



### The Story of Rama and Sita

### Literacy

Focus activity: retelling a story

The children will work together to use stick puppets when retelling the story of Rama and Sita.

*Who is in the story?*



### Phonics

Next week's phonics sounds are  
**h, b, f, l**

*What can you find that starts with f?*





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**WHCS Song Sheet**

“All Things Bright and  
Beautiful”

## **All Things Bright and Beautiful**

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord, God, made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord, God, made them all.*

The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning,  
That brighten up the sky.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord, God, made them all.*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
God made them, every one.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord, God, made them all.*

God gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell,  
How great is God Almighty  
Who has made all things well.





# LIGHT PARTY



**31.10.2021**



**3-4.30PM**

**WEST HAM CHURCH  
CHURCH STREET  
E15 3HU**

**SAINT.CHURCH/KIDS**

**Please see the attached  
information from All  
Saints Church.**

**FOOD**



**FACE  
PAINTING**



**SLIME  
MAKING**



**ARTS  
& CRAFTS**