

November/December 2021





Nursery Superheroes.

Enjoying a music session outside.

Dear Nursery Families,

We have had such a fabulous first half term in nursery learning about "Our Heroes" and enjoying lots of learning outside, making the most of the lovely weather. We have been on our Autumn Walk and have noticed how the weather is changing. It is getting much colder and wetter so please make sure your children are dressed for the changing temperatures. The children need coats every day and some days it would be advisable to wear a hat and wellies.

What are we learning this half term?

Our topic this half term is 'The Frozen World' and of course Advent and Christmas. Considering our British values we will be learning about Diwali – the Hindu festival of light and Bonfire Night and the story of Guy Fawkes. We will be exploring what Remembrance is and why we wear poppies. The children will also learn about the Jewish Festival of light- Hanukkah.

As part of the topic, children will gain an understanding of life in the Polar Regions and will compare these regions to our country, looking at the weather and the animals that live there. There will be lots of science and investigating into ice, looking at freezing and melting. We are going to learn about the people who live there and how they live. The children will learn all about Advent and the true meaning of Christmas and will practice and perform their own Nativity. As always Christmas will be a magical time in the nursery with lots of exciting things going on.

Even though we follow topics our learning is tailored to each child and always takes into account their likes and interests. To see a breakdown of our learning for this half-term for all 7 areas of learning, please see our curriculum topic web.

PE

Our PE days are going to be **Wednesdays**. Please ensure your child wears trainers on this day.

Homework

A nursery lending library can be found in the cloakroom, you can choose one book with your child to take home and share together as many times as you like, all we ask is that you return the book before you choose another one. We send home song sheets/nursery rhymes with the weekly Makaton signs on the back, please practice the signs with your children and have fun singing the songs together. There will be lots of Christmas activities to get involved in and to enjoy together.

Class page

On the school website we have a Nursery class page where you will find all information specific to Nursery. There is also an image gallery where we add photographs of our learning in and around the nursery- take a look they are lovely.

Coats, hats and wellies

In Nursery we love to be outside, no matter what the weather. Please make sure your child brings their coat in every day, even if it looks dry, the weather can change. As the weather becomes colder, they will also need hats and gloves and wellies when it is wet. As with their uniform, please can all items brought into school be clearly labelled with their names to avoid any mixups.

And finally...

As always we are excited for our next topic and the new learning that will come with it. If you are unsure of anything at any time or wish to see us about anything concerning your child please do not hesitate to come and speak to us, we are always available at the end of each day. If you would like to arrange an appointment to see me, please contact me on my email at kburridge@stmarys.romerocat.com or the school office on sbm@stmarys.romerocat.com.

Many thanks, Mrs Burridge and Mrs. Middleton