NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear All, Take a look at what each room is up to this month.

INVESTIGATORS

This Month, in Investigators, our curriculum focus is becoming a Maths Wizard. We have been taking part in counting songs during circle time, counting real-life objects and using positional language in our pretend play. We are looking at what makes a good friend and supporting the children to develop friendships and learn how to resolve conflicts. We continue to promote independence by teaching the children how to put on their own shoes, coats, hats and gloves and how to use a fork and spoon during mealtimes. This is something that you can support your child with at home. We have looked at the celebrations and traditions people can follow at this time of year including Halloween and Bonfire Night and have started to look forward to Christmas. The children have started making their Christmas cards and have decorated baubles for our tree. Next month, we will be carrying on looking at Christmas and learning all our festive songs. Our curriculum focus will be Confident Communicator.

ADVENTURERS

We have enjoyed playing games together in the mornings as a group, developing teamwork, communication, and having lots of fun with our friends.
The children have also enjoyed being creative using loom bands, K'NEX, and LEGO, showing fantastic imagination and problem-solving skills through their model building and designs.
After school, we had great fun making our scarecrow for the Scarecrow Festival. The children enjoyed stuffing the scarecrow, helping to create its features, and making a sign to accompany it.
Creativity has been a big focus this month, with the children exploring a wide range of materials and activities. They have enjoyed junk modelling, creating large-scale artwork, using sequins and other craft resources, and expressing their ideas through imaginative and creative projects.
It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm continue to grow through these activities.

DISCOVERERS

This month in the Discoverers Room, we have been enjoying lots of fun and engaging learning experiences. We have been focusing on autumn and the changes it brings, going on walks to observe the trees and noticing how the leaves change colour. We have also been busy with exciting Bonfire Night crafts, creating our own glittery fireworks and colourful bonfires. The children enjoyed sharing their experiences of Bonfire Night, talking about the displays they attended and the fireworks they watched at home with their families.
Remembrance Day was another important focus in our room. We talked with the children about the poppy and what it represents, helping them develop their understanding in an age-appropriate way. The children then took part in a range of activities, including creating their own poppies.

CRAWLERS

Over the past month, we have been exploring how the weather is changing as we moved from autumn into the colder winter months. We have enjoyed getting out and about on autumn walks, collecting beautiful leaves and talking about the different colours they change to. We have used our leaves in lots of creative activities, including pictures, leaf rubbings, pattern making and making our very own autumn crowns. During October, our focus was on halloween and harvest festival, the crawlers enjoyed making halloween cards, apple printing and listening to stories all about the harvest and leaning about why it is important and where our food comes from.
As we move into the colder months and get ready for Christmas, we will be exploring the themes of giving and sharing at ing, what makes this time of years so special. we will be getting creative with lots of festive crafts, learning the songs for our nativity, and taking part in activities to help us celebrate and prepare for Christmas. We are looking forward to a magical and exciting few weeks filled with creativity, adventure and festive fun!
A little reminder; please can your children have some shoes or wellies for outside as the colder seasons have started! Also please can spare clothes be in bags, as we love to do messy play and need changes of clothes quite frequently!! Thank you

HOME LEARNING CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Home learning winners (all rooms) –
Amelia, Ella, Taiya, Esme W, Jake, Kingsley, Martha, Indie, Lara, Elliot.

Important Dates for Your Diary!

Selby SALT Support Link **Parent Letter - Reception 2027 Link**

Robot Reg Christmas Special

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th December Christmas Nativity Production times and tickets TBC
November 27th Parents Evening. Email amie@jigsawschildcare.co.uk to book a slot.
Thursday 10th of December Christmas dinner and a visit from Santa more information to come.
Closure dates: Training days Monday 4th January 2027 April 30th 2027.

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NEWS

Thrive News

This month, I have enjoyed working across all rooms delivering Thrive sessions.

With the Discoverers, we have been focusing on taking turns, answering questions, participating in group activities, and encouraging children to use their "thinking brain" to solve problems and engage with others.

In the Investigators room, we explored memory skills and introduced Makaton signs linked to the animals we were learning about. These activities were delivered through play-based learning, making them engage and fun for the children.

With the Crawlers and Explorers, we focused on sensory play and how it can help children understand and regulate their emotions. The children enjoyed exploring a variety of sensory resources in a calm environment, encouraging curiosity, exploration, and enjoyment through play.

I will continue to work across all rooms, ensuring that all children have the opportunity to take part in Thrive activities and benefit from these experiences over time.

Karen Holding
Jigsaws Childcare Ltd.

EXPLORERS

We hope you all enjoyed the fun-filled month we shared together in October! It was wonderful to see the children laughing, exploring and making so many lovely memories with their friends.

This November we have lots of exciting plans ahead! We will be diving into plenty of messy play – think squelching, splodging, mixing and moulding, all while the children use their senses to discover new textures and materials. We will also be channelling our inner artists to create lots of fun, creative artwork; don't be surprised if your little one comes home with colourful masterpieces to show you!

Alongside our play and learning we will be getting out and about in our local community. We love these outings; they help our children to learn about the world around them, practise their walking and listening skills, and spot interesting things in our neighbourhood.

A few gentle reminders:

Please bring a spare change of clothes. As the weather is turning cooler, send your child in with a warm coat, hat and if you have any wellies - we will be heading out in all weather.

Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to see what our little learners create and discover this month.

The Explorers Team

Jigsaws, with the help of Knowsley online safety support for parents, will bring you the latest information on how to support your whole family. Please see links below:

Parent Online Safety Booklet

Online Safety Staff Briefing

Online Scams and Digital Footprints

Navigating Group Chats

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OUTDOOR LEARNING FOREST SCHOOLS

Dear Parents and Carers,

November is a wonderful month in Forest School — full of creativity, exploration and seasonal change. Here's what your children will be enjoying outdoors this month:

Clay Faces on Trees
Children will sculpt friendly faces using clay, moss, seeds and twigs. These will stay on the trees all month so the children can watch how the weather changes them.

Mud Paint & Mark Making
We'll be mixing mud into different consistencies and using it to paint on logs, paper and fence panels. This supports early writing skills and lots of sensory exploration.

Alphabet & Number Stones
Letters and numbers will be hidden around our outdoor space for the children to find, sort and match. Outdoor phonics and counting are brilliant for early learning.

Puddle Damming & Water Play
Children will build simple dams and channels in puddles and shallow ditches. Please send spare socks — this is the activity most likely to get feet wet!

Land Art Mandalas
We'll create beautiful circular patterns using leaves, stones and cones. These are photographed and then left for the next group to discover.

Minibeast Log Rolling
Children will gently roll logs to see who lives underneath, using magnifiers and pooters to look closely. Logs are always rolled back exactly as found to protect habitats.

Fire Circle & Storytelling
We'll gather around the fire pit to share stories, learn fire safety rules and enjoy the calm of being together outdoors.

Thank you for sending your children dressed for the weather — layers, waterproofs and wellies make all the difference. We look forward to a magical month outdoors!

Warmly, Becki & Lorraine Forest School Practitioners, Jigsaws



A big thank you to everybody in the community for all your support for our fundraising events. You raised over £1600 for our new building.