OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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

CRAWLERS

Throughout September, the Crawlers room have been busy leaning all about themselves and getting to know each other. We have been exploring what makes each of us unique, and learning about how special we all are.
The children have enjoyed getting to know their new friends and have been developing confidence, communication and social skills through play and activities. It has been lovely to see friendships begging to blossom as the children settle into the crawlers room and become more comfortable in their new surroundings.
In October, We are exploring the topic of autumn. The children will be discovering the changes that happen during this season, this will support the children's curiosity, communication and learning through play.

DISCOVERERS

It was lovely to see everyone back after the summer holidays, I can't believe how quick September has come and gone, we have been very busy through out September welcoming our new children and those that moved up from the investigators room.
Throughout September we have been learning 'about about me and my family', the children enjoyed making their own family tree and talking about who lives with them, we also drew family pictures and self portraits, the children enjoyed using different emotions talking about how they were feeling. The discoverers also enjoyed listening to a story called 'how are we feeling today', we then used natural resources outside to create a face then talked about if we were feeling happy/sad.
Another big focus this month has been Maths, the children have enjoyed playing number bingo, recognising numbers to 10, creating and extending their own ABAB pattern, using the magnetic blocks to recognise 2D shapes, singing number songs and making a number line to 10.
As we go into October our focus now turns to Halloween and Harvest festival, along side this we are going to be enjoying some literacy focus activities.
The discoverers will enjoy making Halloween cards, pumpkin carving, apple printing, learning about harvest and why it's important, listening to stories and looking at where food comes from.
We are also going to practice lots of pencil control and recognition of letters.

EXPLORERS

What a lovely September we have had, Explorers!
It has been brilliant to welcome you all into our new nursery, and we have loved getting to know everyone and settling into our new room.
This month, we have decided to work towards being a Math Wizard! We have lots of fun activities planned that will introduce the children to new mathematical words, as well as exploring colours and numbers 1–3.
We have already shown a real love for our puzzles, so we will continue to enjoy these too, helping to develop our problem-solving and thinking skills.
A little reminder; the children do not wear shoes inside our room. You are very welcome to bring in a pair of slippers for your child to wear if you wish.
Water bottles are also welcome if you have a spare one at home.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really is appreciated. The Explorers Team.

ADVENTURERS

The older children have been enjoying lots of different activities we have been involved in den making. Forest schools craft including, dying material using different natural dye and creating scary stones to decorate for Halloween.
We will be creating large tree art using leaves and the children always have access to card games and modelling equipment.

INVESTIGATORS

We have had a lovely first few weeks in our brand new building. The children have very much enjoyed exploring our new resources and have settled back into our room routines very well.
As we move into Autumn and Winter, we are focusing on the change of seasons and what we can see around us. We've been out on walks, collecting leaves and talking about all the different colours that they are changing to. We've used these in collage, leaf rubbings, creating patterns and making crowns.
Our curriculum focus this month is mark making master and we are giving the children lots of opportunities to make marks using a range different materials such as paint, glue, sand, crayon and chalk.
In maths, we are focusing on singing songs where the children can use their fingers to show the numbers 1-5. You can support your child doing this at home by singing with them. Songs you can use include, 5 Little Ducks, 10 in the Bed, 5 Little Frogs and 3 Blind Mice.

Important Dates for Your Diary!

Selby SALT Support Link **Athelstan Open Evening Link**

Half term holiday Forest School activities 26th to 30th of October

November 17th from 8am Children's Christmas photo shoot. An opportunity to purchase a lovely picture for family and friends at Christmas!

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th 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

I have now completed my Thrive training and have now become a Thrive Licenced Practitioner.
I have started to implement Thrive throughout the setting working on Personal, Social, Emotional and Mental Health of the children and working with all the staff. Over the past few weeks, I have been working in all rooms meeting all the children so the children get to know me well are familiar with me. I will be working with the children making sure they feel safe and secure by bringing in activities and strategies to support them.
We will keep you all updated and send moments home for you to see.

Karen Holding
Jigsaws Childcare Ltd.

After a fantastic year of working with Louise Bridgeman and her Robot Reg phonics class we will be running classes again from September and extending our sessions to the Discoverers and Investigators children. Sessions will run every Wednesday term time and are £3 per child per week.
If your child receives pupil premium you can access the sessions. If you are interested in provisionally booking a place from September please email me and I wll add you to our list.
info@jigsawschildcare.co.uk
www.robotreg.co.uk/east-leeds

HOME LEARNING CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Lara S, Elliot C, Taiya W, Esme W.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

Dear Parents and Carers,
We are delighted to share an update on our Forest School sessions here at Jigsaws. All children, including those who attend our after-school clubs, take part in Forest School as part of their learning experience. These sessions are delivered by myself, Becki, and Lorraine, and we are absolutely loving every moment of running them.
The children have already made incredible progress. Their curiosity, confidence, and enthusiasm outdoors have grown so quickly. They've been exploring the natural world with real excitement, showing interest in everything we've introduced so far.
🌱 What the children have been doing
Becoming scientists: experimenting with mixing, predicting outcomes, and observing changes.
Mindfulness in nature: taking calm moments outdoors, listening to sounds, noticing details, and grounding themselves in the environment.
Hands-on exploration: discovering textures, patterns, plants, and wildlife.
Creative outdoor play: building, imagining, problem-solving, and working together.
There are even more exciting activities to come, and we can't wait to see how the children continue to grow in confidence and independence.
🌧️ A quick reminder about clothing
Forest School takes place in all weathers. We go outside rain or shine — and yes, the children absolutely love dancing in the inevitable rain.
Please ensure your child has:Weather appropriate clothing, Waterproofs if possible, Warm layers as the season changes, Footwear suitable for mud, puddles, and adventure.
Being comfortable outdoors helps them fully enjoy every part of the experience.
Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions about what else the children will be getting up to, please feel free to email or message us on Ovio.
Warm regards, Becki & Lorraine Forest School Leads at Jigsaws

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 link below:

Parent Online Safety Booklet
Digital Wellbeing October
Online Scams and Digital Footprints
Navigating Group Chats

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SCARECROW FESTIVAL

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HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR SOME CLADDING FOR THE NEW BUILDING ♡

SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
CHURCH FENTON VILLAGE HALL

A FUN FAMILY DAY FOR OUR VILLAGE ♡

Stalls ♡ Tombola ♡ Hot food & drinks ♡ Raffle

EVERYONE WELCOME! ♡

LET'S MAKE CHURCH FENTON BLOOM TOGETHER ♡

STALLS

TOMBOLA

HOT FOOD & DRINKS

RAFFLE

TICKETS £1 EACH

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING OCTOBER FROM THE VILLAGE SHOP AND JIGSAWS NURSERY

SWAP YOUR TICKET FOR A MAP ON THE DAY AT THE VILLAGE HALL

FREE ENTRY
1st, 2nd & 3rd PRIZE FOR THE BEST SCARECROWS!

WANT TO REGISTER A SCARECROW?
Contact Amie by 30th October to get your scarecrow on the map!
amieross@jigsawschildcare.co.uk

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NURSERY OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
All welcome to come and see our new nursery building! ♡

A STRONGER VILLAGE, BRIGHTER FUTURES TOGETHER ♡

Everyone welcome ♡

Kirk Fenton CE Primary School

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CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Evening for parents of children starting in September 2021

Open Evening
Thursday 19th November 5-6pm

If you would like to learn more about our school come along to our open evening for a presentation and a tour of the school. Adults only please.

Please book a place by ringing 01937 557228 or email admin@kf.starmat.uk

We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information don't forget to check out our website: https://kf.starmat.uk/