



## Oakdin Montessori Kindergarten

### Main Topics for the Autumn Term 2018:

#### Autumn Seasons

This term the children will be learning about the Autumn season, the children will be learning about animals that are getting ready for hibernation, why leaves change colour in the Autumn, what the weather is like in the Autumn season.

**COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY (This covers MR, SCSA, MFB)**  
Children will be talking about the various seasons and learning about what animals hibernate in the winter, they will look at various books and talk about the changes in the colour of the leaves and the changes in the weather.

**LITERACY (This covers Writing and Reading)**  
The children will be looking at various books of Autumn and writing the words of the animals that hibernate.

**EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN (This cover Being imaginative EAD)**  
The children will be making a autumn animals and collecting leaves from lake meadows and doing various leaf prints using various paints.



**UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD (This covers P&C The world Tech)**  
The children will be learning about the animals that hibernate and will be looking at the changes in leaves ... ..

**MATHEMATICS (This covers Numbers SSM)**  
The children will be counting how many leaves we collect from lake meadows and count how many colours the leaves change in Autumn

**PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT (This covers HSC MH)**  
The children will be using their fine and gross motor skills to feel and touch leaves and use mark making materials to paint their hedgehogs and do leaf prints.

**PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (This covers MR, SCSA, MFB)**  
Children will be working in small groups to identify the changes in leaves outside, and learning that we need to be kind to animals that are preparing to hibernate.

(Abbreviations meanings: MR: Making relationships, SCSA: Self-confidence and self-awareness, MFB: Managing feelings and behavior.

The children will learn why the leaves on trees change colour in the autumn and why they fall off from the trees. They will also learn as to the reasons why some animals hibernate in winter, we will be going on a visit to Lake Meadows (weather permitting) the children will collect leaves for their leaf prints and collages. Please could all parents accompany their baby/child/children on this visit, we will be going on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 leaving prompt for 9.30am and returning for 11.30am. We will be walking so any children that need a buggy please could you kindly provide this on the day. Any children that do not attend this session are most welcome to come along but need a parent or guardian to attend with them please. Please kindly ensure

that all children wear school uniform bring wellington boots together with a coat appropriate for the weather.

### **Alphabets Wall**

The children will be preparing their alphabet wall, with the help of the staff. Each child will prepare a letter of their choice from the alphabet an display, this will be the first week of September into the new term.

### **Autumn walk to lake meadows.**

On Wednesday 17th October We will be going on a walk to Lake Meadows to observe nature in the autumn, and collect some nature objects like leaves, twigs and acorns. We might be able to observe animals collecting food and preparing themselves for winter We would appreciate it if you could accommodate your child on this walk. If your child requires a buggy please could you kindly ensure this is brought on the day of the outing. Weather permitted please bring your child's boots and raincoat. If your child does not attend the Monday session please bring them along to join us, if you could bring them at 9.45am, we will be returning to the nursery by 11.45pm.

### **Harvest Festival:**

To learn more about the Harvest season, the children will prepare Harvest baskets and we will be walking up to the local residents' homes at Park lodge Queens Park to sing harvest songs and present the Harvest Basket. The date will be Monday 29thth October 2018. (Time: 10.00am -11.15am)

Please could all children start to kindly bring in some kind of tinned or dry foods eg Rice, for the basket. The children will be making and decorating a Harvest Basket. We thank you kindly for your contribution.

### **Bonfire night:**

On Monday 5th November the children will have the opportunity to learn about Guy Fawkes. their creative abilities will be put to good use as they will draw and paint pictures of fireworks/make rockets using various media art materials.

### **Children in Need**

All children are warmly invited to attend on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November and in fancy dress of their choice for raising money for children in need. The children will be doing a sponsored jump (how many jumps in 60 seconds) If your child does not attend this session normally they are welcome to come along please bring them for 10 am and collect them at 10.45am. Can all babies that normally attend a Friday session wear the odd socks please, those babies that do not attend a Friday session are most welcome to come along for 10.45am and collected for 11.30 am please.

### **Christmas Activities**

As the season progresses Christmas will be approaching, and the children will be learning about why we celebrate Christmas a little bit of history about Father Christmas (Saint Nick) looking at the Holly plant, as well as doing various creative activities for Christmas making Christmas cards and their very own Christmas tree for the Kindergarten. We will also be going on a visit to the local Elderly residential home at Queens Park to sing Christmas carols and present a Christmas cake baked by the children. We would ask kindly that all parents attend with their child/children as we will be walking to the home. Date and time to be advised nearer the time

### **Christmas Baking:**

As the festive season approaches on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December the children will have the opportunity to make festive mince pies, snowmen etc. (Time:10;30am-11;30am)

## **Christmas Party:**

We will be having our Christmas party On Wednesday 12th December 12noon till 2pm, there will be a visit from Father Christmas and an Entertainer, there will be party food, party bags and a Christmas present for all the children. All children are warmly welcome to attend. Children that normally attend a Wednesday session on the day of the Christmas party, there will be no change to their start time and finish time.

**All activites actively promote the EYFS.**



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