

News and updates from Clouds, Rainbows and Stars – September/October 2022

Autumn

The children have been involved in different activities linked to Autumn, from exploring natural objects (such as conkers and acorns) to drawing and painting sunflowers and pumpkins, and from noticing changes in the garden to making leaf garlands with Autumn leaves.



Primary Admissions

Just a reminder to the parents of children who will be going to Reception classes next year (ie those born between 1st Sept 2018 and 31st Aug 2019) – the online primary school application has to be completed by 15th January 2023 so it is a good idea to be thinking about and applying for schools now:

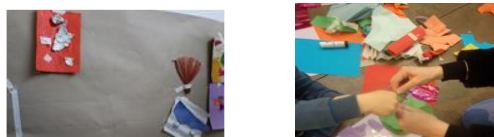
www.southwark.gov.uk/schoolsadmission

If you need any help or support, please talk to your child's key person.

Visits

South London Gallery

Some of the children had the opportunity to visit South London Gallery and see an exhibition by Black British artist Simeon Barclay, as well as be involved in a workshop creating their own large-scale piece of collaborative art.



East Street Market

Some of the children visited East Street Market where everyone was so friendly and helpful. The children loved looking at all the stalls and seeing a variety of fruit, vegetables, fabric, jewellery and so much more, some of which they helped to buy.



Black History Month

We have been celebrating Black History Month during October. We have learned about the work of Black authors, poets and artists. We have enjoyed sharing stories and songs from different cultures. Our core book has been 'Baby Goes to Market' by Atinuke which inspired a visit to East Street Market where the children bought fruit and vegetables featured in the story. The children are working collaboratively to create a large-scale piece of art using the techniques of Frank Bowling. Parents have been very generous with their time and have been into Nursery to read to the children and teach them new songs. Other parents have talked to the children how they care for and style their children's hair. It has been a wonderful opportunity to learn from each other and celebrate our wonderful community.



Dates for your diary

Next week is the **half-term break**
(24th-28th October 2022).

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**1PW** and **FT** children return on  
**31<sup>st</sup> October** (1PW is Mon/Tues/Wed).

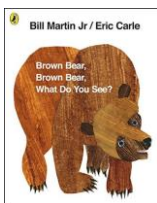
**2PW** children come back on  
**3<sup>rd</sup> November** (2PW is Thu/Fri).

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The **Parent Conference Day** is **Wednesday 23rd November** – there will be **no nursery session** on this day, but appointments can be made to meet with your child's Key Person.

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There will be a staff training day on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**, so there will be **no nursery session** on this day.

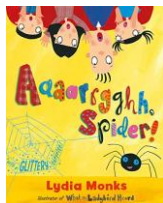
In September and October we have focused on reading and enjoying the following core books, poems and songs/rhymes and doing lots of activities connected with them:

### Core Books



#### **Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?**

The children love all the colourful animals in this story and many can read it for themselves as the text has a predictable pattern



#### **Aaaarrgghh! Spider!**

The children enjoy looking for bugs in the garden, especially spiders with their connection to Spiderman. This story is fun to share as the family grow to love their own pet spider.



#### **Baby Goes To Market**

Mama and baby go to market and buy all kinds of food. Baby puts a few extras in the basket when Mama is not looking. Some of the children went to East Street Market to have a similar experience.

### Core Poems

#### **A Basket of Apples**

I've got a basket of apples, picked from a tree.

Apples rosy red for you, and shiny green for me. Some of them are big, and some of them are small. Some of them are oval, and some are shaped like a ball. Some of them are sour, and some of them are sweet. Lots of lovely apples for you and I to eat.



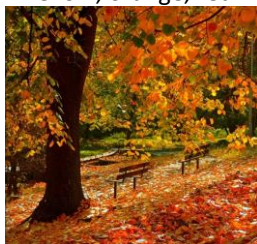
#### **Leaves Are Falling**

Leaves are falling, leaves are falling, One fell on my nose.

Leaves are falling, leaves are falling. One fell on my toes.

Leaves are falling, leaves are falling. One fell on my head.

Leaves are falling, leaves are falling. Yellow, orange, red.



#### **Five Little Pumpkins**

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate. The first one said, 'Oo, it's getting late.'

The second one said, 'There are witches in the air.'

The third one said, 'Well I don't care.'

The fourth one said, 'Let's run, run, run.'

The fifth one said, 'Let's have some fun.'

But ooh went the wind, and out went the light, And five little pumpkins tumbled out of sight.



FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS

### Core Songs and Rhymes

#### **It's A Rainbow**

Take a little bit of red (echo),  
And a little bit of orange (echo),  
Add a stripe of yellow (echo),  
And a stripe of green (echo),  
A little bit of blue (echo),  
A bit of indigo (echo),  
Don't forget the violet (echo),  
Then what do you know? (echo),  
It's a rainbow (echo), It's a rainbow (echo).  
A little bit of rain, a little bit of sun,  
When they come together they make rainbow fun.  
It's a rainbow (echo),  
A wonderful, wonderful, magical, magical,  
Colourful, colourful, shining rainbow (echo).



#### **Incy Wincy Spider**

Incy Wincy Spider  
Climbed up the water spout,  
Down came the rain and  
Washed the spider out.  
Out came the sunshine and  
Dried up all the rain,  
So Incy Wincy Spider  
Climbed up the spout again.



#### **Kalo Sile**

E jeha lo –  
eh jeha lo  
Kalo sile –  
kalo sile  
Oh oh oh oh  
– E jeha lo  
Kalo sile x 2



♪ Thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Sing-A Long – we loved sharing our songs with you! ♪