



Bell House Nursery
Quality Childcare

Autumn Term 2019



Dear All,

A big thankyou to all parents for your ongoing support throughout the term and for those who have taken the time to fill out our parent questions.

We are looking forward to meeting with our parent governors in October and will ensure some feed back is given to all parents!

Dates for the Dairy:

31st October - Halloween dress up.

29th October - Zoo lab will be coming for a Halloween special with both Dragonflies and bumblebees.

Learning book changes:

Learning book have recently produced a new app for your mobile phones, this is an easier way for you to keep track of your child's learning book as well as add stuff from home! We are really keen to have parents input into their child's learning, by uploading things from home we can see the different things your child is doing and can give us a wider understanding of how to enhance their knowledge and development. We can also print these pictures you send in for your child to show all their friends what they've been up to and share accomplishments!

Our Learning book have also recently changed the way passwords are generated and given to parents. If you lose your password, please email us to let us know. Learning book will then email you with a new password themselves rather than us giving it to you.



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Staff News

A big welcome to Tina who has recently joined our bumblebee room!
We will also be welcoming Courtney who will be joining us in October.

Ladybirds

This month ladybirds have been focused a lot of Autumn and maths. September began with a shape week! We had lots of shape hunts with sensory play, creating marks with wooden blocks and creating different shapes with the Duplo blocks. We made beautiful shape collages where the babies enjoyed using the glue. We brought in everyday objects to create shapes such as cups, potatoes! We then used triangle and squares for our wonderful twinkle little star pictures!

We moved onto explore the natural world by making leaf and stick collages, the babies loved the crunching noise of the leaves and banging with the sticks! We had some wonderful fun filled sensory treasure basket where we explored different textures!

Next month we will be focusing a lot on communication and language. Reading lots of new stories and singing lots of new songs and slowly introducing new words to the babies. We are also going to have a physical week full of fine and gross motor movements. Lots of arts and craft activities as well as large activities like climbing soft play, crawling through tunnels and using the walkers to encourage walking for those who are learning.

We have lots of fun planned Halloween messy play with pumpkins and creative tuff trays as well as continuing to create an amazing autumn display with their master pieces they've been creating!

Butterflies

We've had such an exciting month in butterflies, we have begun to introduce Autumn and creating a wonderful Autumn display board full of the children amazing master pieces. We've talked a lot about the different weathers and observed the weather changing.

We've had many theme's throughout the months and lots of fun activities:

The first week we have a Disney theme week, all of our butterflies love Disney and thoroughly enjoy a dance along to the Disney CD. We've had many disco's where we've been working on our physical skills, learning to move in new ways. We've also enjoyed a few Disney stories and creating some wonderful Disney artwork.



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On our second week we moved onto fitness and health! We've talked about keeping fit and had a few physical activities such as using the bikes, steppingstone's, running and jumping. We also looked at healthy foods and butterflies loved our fruit food tasting, they all dug into trying new a different fruit and we even looked at how fruit grows.

Week three we moved onto transport week, with a lot of our children loving the cars and trains, we built a week of fun filled transport activities. We had a diggers tuff tray with a variety of different materials for children to use and explore. We built train tracks, had a transport hunt where trains and cars had been wrapped and hidden for the children to find and unwrap. A big thankyou to all that participated by getting their children dressed up in transport themed clothing.

Our final week is when Autumn began. We created Autumn collages, looked at weather changing, colours of the leaves and explored different shapes and sized leaves, stick and pinecones. We even made some Autumn cinnamon cakes!

In October we will be getting into the Halloween spirit! We have lots of fun Halloween themed activities, cooking, music and artwork. We will have pumpkin carving and exploring pumpkin inners with a tuff tray activity. Of course, we will be having a dress up day on Halloween, lets see your best costumes!

Bumblebees

Bumblebees kicked off their September with a gardening themed week. We explored our nursery garden, looking at the different plants, how they look, the shapes of them and how they smelt. We learnt about how things grow and what they need in order to grow! We even planted our own vegetables within the room, bumblebees did a wonderful job of keeping them healthy and watched them grow! We made beautiful pictures of plants and even used some real nature within our artwork.

We continued onto a mark making week. We tested our mark making skills, using a variety of different tools to create marks. We learnt a lot about colours, shapes and how to create marks. Children used tools like blocks, brushes, sponges, spaghetti and even their hands and feet.

Bumblebees are keen on being a team, so on their third week we had a 'help a friend week' The children loved this, and it was wonderful to watch them all help one another and be proud of doing so. We worked as a team to do big floor puzzles, build structures with different materials, cross a 'river' in the garden using building blocks to create a path and holding each



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other hands across. They even helped the grown ups with jobs such as sweeping, setting up the tables for mealtimes and helping with reading stories.

To end September the theme was rivers and ponds. We used the smartboard to look at famous rivers and we read lots of books about ponds and rivers and the animals we might find there. We used real life pictures for the children to explore and even draw their own ponds with animals they might see there. We created beautiful wildlife pictures using paint, glue, scissors and a range of materials.

We've had so much fun this month, but we are very excited to welcome October where we have lots of fun spooky Halloween activities planned. Children will be looking at why we celebrate Halloween, creating Halloween themed artwork, dressing up and carving pumpkins!

Dragonflies

In September we spent lots of time playing and building bond with our new children from bumblebees. Our older children have been amazing with helping the younger ones settle, showing them the room and helping them learn the routine.

We've been talking lots about 'all about me' within this the children have been having group discussions where they tell their friends all about themselves, drawing pictures of our families (practicing some beautiful pencil skills) as well as showing family photos from home and discussing what we get up to at home.

We've been learning lots about harvest festival and have begun our food collection. We have made some beautiful artwork for our wonderful harvest display! Children have read books and had group discussions about Harvest festival.

As always, we have been having our regular PE lessons where we focus on getting ourselves dressed and undressed independently. We work together in groups, follow simple instructions, carry out small task and learn new ways to move physically as well as building on the skills we already have. Dragonflies are doing very well with PE.

We would also like to say we hope you've enjoyed all the yummy treats that have been coming home every week, we have some very good little chefs and the children have been talking about hygiene procedures before cooking and why we do this.



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Next month we will continue the first week of October to learn about harvest festival, learning songs and collecting foods for the food banks. We are grateful for any donations!

We will also be having a week of looking at emotions, how we feel, why we feel this way and how we can make our friends feel. We will have books, discussions, pictures and even puppet shows to help us learn about this.

We will then start our spooky Halloween themed activities. Lots of learning the reason behind Halloween. We have some lovely Halloween stories to tell along with lots of arts and crafts where the children can get creative, explore materials and work on their fine motor skills. We will be carving and playing with pumpkins and making some yummy Halloween treats for home. We can't wait to see all the spooky costumes for dress up day!