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# What's happening at Nursery School!

#### 16th November to 20th November 2015

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There has been some fantastic learning taking place this week throughout the Nursery school.

The children have been learning about the festival of Diwali and talking about fireworks. They have learnt lots of new vocabulary and language and had lots of opportunities to explore the Diwali story - including dancing to music using scarves to represent fireworks and making traditional sweets.

Outside has been very busy - the children have not bothered about the weather! Many children are challenging themselves physically -developing their fine and gross motor skills.

Children need to develop their motor skills (actions that involve the movements of muscles) in order to be able to mark-make effectively.

You can help at home by giving your child lots of opportunities to practise making big movements (gross motor skills), for example by climbing, crawling, dancing, throwing and catching balls or carrying objects. These activities will help develop the muscle control needed to move on to fine motor movements, such as being able to squeeze play dough into different shapes, grasp and manipulate building bricks and hold pencils or crayons for mark making.

There are lots of mark making activities on the CBeebies website. The link is on our new website!

## Website

We are really excited to say that our new website is now live. Please log on ★ and take a look. You will need to type in the address as it is a new website.

The website address is www.featherstonenurseryschool.org.uk.

Please take a look and give us your feedback and comments.

REMINDER - Dates for your diary!!

We will be sending out a list of the Christmas activities

We have now set the dates for our remaining three Teacher days

These will be on Monday 11th April 2016

and on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2016

#### Students

We are pleased to announce that we have a number of students undertaking placements with us.

Tia Tyndale is undertaking her Level 2 placement and will be with us every Wednesday.

Micky Brown is undertaking a placement with us as part of her Childcare course. She will be with us every Monday.

Tasmina Rehman and Sabah Arshad are Trainee teachers undertaking a six week placement as part of their PGCE course.

#### Be Bright, Be Seen

If you're a motorist then you'll know how difficult it can sometimes be to see pedestrians wearing dark clothes at night or when visibility is poor. It's important that you as a parent or carer help your child to be easily seen near traffic, as well as setting an example to your children by wearing something bright or white too!!



# Have you applied for your child's Reception Class place?

Don't forget to apply for your child's
Reception class place if they are due to leave
us in July 2016. The deadline for
applying is
4th December 2015

If you require any help with your application please ask the Nursery School team

#### Fruit for the café

One of the contributions we ask parents to make is to bring fruit for the children to share in the café.

Please can children in

## **Butterflies**

bring in a few pieces of fruit this week?

The week after that will be the turn of

Ladybirds and Robins

