

Key Dates

Children in Need

Friday 17th November

Visit from Yorkshire Owl Experience

Wednesday 22nd November

Christmas Dinner Celebration

Wednesday 6th December

Party Day

Wednesday 13th December

Close for Christmas

Friday 15th December

Nursery opens

Wednesday 3rd January

Look out for our Recipe of the month

We will share different recipes with you to try at home and you will be invited in to school for a cooking session with us.

Every Day Counts!

If your child is unwell or unable to attend their nursery session please telephone the school office as soon as you can to let us know.

It is our policy to telephone you if you do not let us know.

A copy of our attendance policy is available on the school website www.midlandroadnursery.org.uk



Download the 50 things to before your five app.

Look out for the 50 things activities on our weekly What's Happening

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Please download the Learning Journals app.

You can send in information and photographs of your child's learning at home too.



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This Term in **Blue, Green, Purple** and **Orange** Room



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More detailed plans are done on a weekly basis. These are displayed for you to view but please ask if you would like your own copy. We will also keep you updated in our weekly 'What's Happening'.

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

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Extending Children's Knowledge Following children's interests

Famous Artists and Portraits

Last term many of our children created some wonderful family pictures as well as self-portraits by closely observing detailed features of their faces. To extend this, we feel children will



enjoy exploring some famous artist's self portraits such as Frida Khalo and Picasso. We will also look at other popular artists including, Kandinsky, Andy Goldsworthy and Yayoi Kusama. We will expose the children to different artistic styles and experiment with different mediums and techniques to inspire them to create their own art projects.

Dinosaurs

The children have been interested in the small world area and dinosaurs. We will be developing the children's vocabulary using



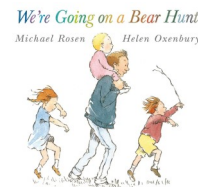
many specific names like the T-Rex and Diplodocus but also the lesser know Allosaurus and Dimorphodon. We will provide creative resources so the children can make 'Jurassic Worlds'. We will use non fiction books and technology, including websites such as www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/dinosaurs to find out more about dinosaurs and what the world was like in pre-historic times.

Introducing New Knowledge and Skills This is what we will teach the children

The core story is

We're Going on a Bear Hunt!

This well-known story book is full of repetition ,rhythm and words that make amazing sounds.



"swishy swashy!" "squelch squerch!"

By knowing the story really well we will be able to re-enact roles, experiment with the different sounds we can make with our voices. We will use the story to sequence the actions when the characters go on a journey, focusing on directional/positional words and developing concept of spatial orientation.

Light and Dark

We will teach the children about the different ways we use light and keeping safe in the dark whilst exploring the outside natural world and the change of season and time.



We will be teaching the children about the festivals that are celebrated within the Bradford community during Winter; Diwali, Bonfire night, Hanukah, Advent and Christmas. We will look closely at how different cultures use light in stories, symbolism and for celebration.

My Happy Mind—Meet my Brain

We will teach the children about how their brain works to help them to play, think and feel. We will give names to our emotions to help the children understand and support their self-regulation and wellbeing.

Things you can do to support your child's learning

Your child will benefit from any amount of time you spend together doing simple things like chatting, playing and reading.

Singing and sharing rhymes in English and your home language is good way to support their language development. Repetition and rhyme really help children to learn and remember words.

Spending 5 minutes every day looking at books will help your child to develop their vocabulary and a love of reading.



Talk to your child about what they can see in the pictures and remember they love to hear favourite stories again and again!

Our school library is open for you to use to read old favourites and discover new books to love.



Parents can join in with at home by doing any of the activities available on the app, including the story and song.

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code. Your authentication code is **mhm136**