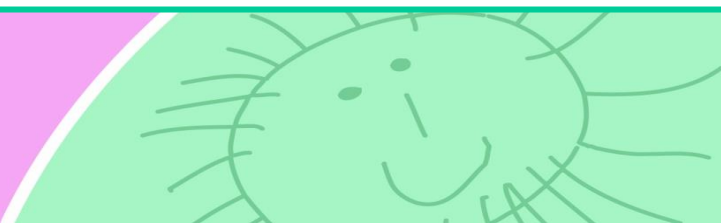


Abbey Green

Nursery School and Children's Centre

All Different, All Special, All Equal



Autumn 2 term 2016

Welcome to Green Group class, the staff has enjoyed welcoming back our returning children and meeting the new children and their families at Abbey Green.

The children have settled well and we have now started to introduce our sign of the week which you may have noticed around the centre. Each week the children learn the action to a new Makaton sign and revisit the signs we have already learned. Each Monday you can find the new sign in the entrance as you come in. You can also practise these signs at home using the **Something Special page on the Cbeebies website**.

After the October half term holiday we will start to focus on our core Story of 'Elmer' by David McKee. You could borrow this book from your local library or watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZINp-8zOgk>. The children will learn about making friends, patterns, similarities and differences. In addition we will be looking at autumn environments and we hope to take the children in small groups to Lister Park to experience autumn first hand.

We will also be learning about the festivals of **Diwali** (October 30th - November 3rd) and **Christmas** (25th December). We will be taking part in the Children in Need day "Spotacular" on Friday 18th November by dressing up in something spotty.

Further information on how you can help your child learn on the Early Years Curriculum can be found **overleaf** or at <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Development-Matters-FINAL-PRINT-AMENDED.pdf>

It would be helpful if you would read with your child for a minimum of 10 minutes **every day**. You can borrow books from our Nursery library in the entrance and this will be demonstrated to you after the half term holidays.

Personal items please note that school cannot be held responsible for your child's personal possessions. It is recommended that personal items are left at home. The only jewellery allowed are ear studs for health and safety reasons. Please ensure your child wears sensible shoes to nursery e.g. trainers, no high heels or fabric shoes. Thank you.

Just a few reminders -

Morning nursery registration begins at **8.45 to 9.15am** and nursery finishes at **11.45 am**. Afternoon nursery registration is at **12.15 to 12.45pm** and nursery finishes at **3.15pm**.

Snack money will be £3 collected each half term.

Please make sure your child is at school on time and that he/she is collected promptly. We will only dismiss your child to parents or other adults over 16 of whom we have been informed.

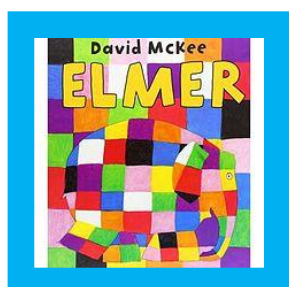
Please remember to inform school of any change of address, telephone numbers or any other emergency contact information.

Have a happy half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 31st October

You can contact school in the following ways:

Telephone: 01274 722070. Fax: 01274 743926. Email: office@abbeygreen.org

Autumn 2 term Monday 31st October to Friday 16th December 2016



Area of the Curriculum	What the children will be learning in nursery	How can Parents help
Personal, social and emotional development	Continue to learn names, make friends with one another, take turns and share	Encourage children to complete registration activities by themselves and support by reading the question. Encourage your child to say please and thank you.
Physical development	Put on coats, go to the toilet, wash and dry hands independently. How to recognise and start to write their name or make marks.	Encourage your child to take their coat off and put it on. Start toilet training with no nappy or pull up on during the day when nursery is ready to work with you and your child. Provide pens, paper and pencils at home for them to draw and make marks and help them learn how to hold a pen. Air- write their initial letter shapes. Encourage your child to walk more themselves and not be picked up or use a pram
Communication and language	To be able to listen and focus and talk about what they are doing.	Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep with bedtime at 8pm AT THE LATEST . Talk to your child about what they have done at nursery.
Literacy	Listen and join in with stories and rhymes.	Read with your child for a minimum of 10 minutes every day . You can borrow books from our Nursery library in the entrance. Sing nursery rhymes together with actions see http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/earlylearning/nurserysongs .
Mathematics	Number rhymes, matching activities, reciting number in order	Use opportunities at home to sort match and count e.g. matching socks, sorting cutlery, counting steps up and down the stairs. Join in singing counting songs see http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/schoolradio/subjects/mathematics/countingsongs
Understanding the world	Talk about the natural world e.g. changing colours on the leaves, conkers, acorns, beech nuts.	Go to one of the many parks in Bradford e.g. Lister Park, talk about and collect seeds, leaves and conkers. Watch videos on Cbeebies about children celebrating Diwali and Christmas on http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-diwali and http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/lets-celebrate-christmas
Expressive arts and design	Provide resources for children to act out the core stories. Explore and express Autumn experiences through different media and dance.	Make leaf prints and rubbings at home. Dance and join in actions to nursery rhymes - see above. Join in children's role play.