

## Key Dates

Diwali

Sunday 12th November

Children in Need

Friday 17th November

Recipe of the Month Baking Session

November December

Party Day

Wednesday 13th December

Close for Christmas

Friday 15th December

Nursery opens

Tuesday 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.abbeygreen.org](http://www.abbeygreen.org)



Download the **50 things to do before your five** app.

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

Why don't you follow us on Facebook



Please download the Learning Journals app.

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



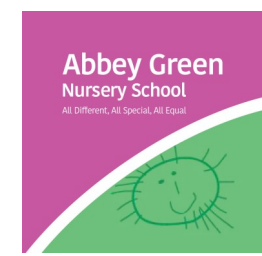
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This Term in **Green & Orange Room**



**Autumn 2  
2023**

**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.

اگر آپ اردو میں اس کا ترجمہ کرنا چاہتے ہیں تو اوپر نمبر سے رابطہ کریں

# THIS HALF-TERM IN GREEN AND ORANGE ROOMS

## Extending Children's Knowledge Following children's interests

### Our Community

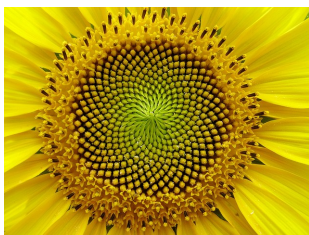
The children have been intrigued by using 'Google maps' to look at their own houses and neighbourhoods. We will go on walks of the local area and focus on buildings and landmarks



such as nearby schools, the mosque, the library, Manningham Mill with its big tall chimney, shops and cafes. We will take photographs and make a book about where we live. We will add enhancements to the construction area to support block play so the children can create their own buildings and towns using what we have seen as inspiration. The children will use maps and draw their own maps and plans learning how to use a simple key and symbols.

### Sunflowers

The children have grown giant sunflowers in the garden and have been fascinated by looking at the different parts of the flower. We will teach the children the correct words for naming parts of a plant; petal, leaves, stem, root. We



will use the seeds to make patterns and will develop this by exploring spirals and looking for other patterns in natural objects. We will investigate how to draw and create our own spiral patterns. We will use the internet and non-fiction books to research pieces of art that have sunflowers and experiment using various media including paint and pastels to be able to create our own sunflower inspired pictures.

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

### Core Story in GREEN room is

#### Night Monkey Day Monkey

This story introduces children to the concept of light and dark and the differences between day and night. The book introduced children to a wide range of new words using humour and rhyme. The children will become familiar with story and be able to retell the sequence and talk about what they do at different times of the day.



### Core Story in ORANGE room is

#### This Bear That Bear

This book uses rhythm and rhyme to explore concepts of shape and size and style. We will use lots of different words to describe the bears and the things that each bear can do. We will use Makaton signs and symbols to support the children's understanding of the story.



### Festivals of Light

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 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.



Our new program to support children's wellbeing.

This half term the theme is "Meet My Brain"

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 **mhm135**