

Welcome to Nursery with Mrs Revill, Miss Steele and Mrs Hamidi January-February 2025



Welcome back and we hope you all had a fabulous and restful Christmas holiday. We can't believe it's 2025!

What a busy half term we had learning about different celebrations. We have learnt about the Hindu festival Diwali, discovered why Bonfire night is celebrated and what happens on a birthday before finally learning about why Christians celebrate Christmas. We hope you enjoyed our festive performance and I think you'll agree that the Nursery children were amazing!

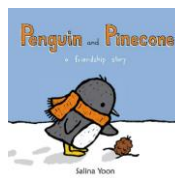
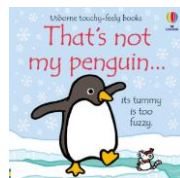
Stories are a great way to put our learning into an understandable context and the children were excited to read the story of Pip and Posy's Birthday Party. This gave us lots of ideas for when we were planning Friendly Fox's birthday party. We had a great time dancing, playing traditional party games and enjoying a special birthday treat.

We hosted a 'Stay and Play' session for the children who will be joining us in January. Thank you to those of you who came and we know that the children who have been with us since September will be great role models for the younger children as they settle into Nursery.



This half term our theme will be **'Winter'**. We will be learning about Antarctica, comparing it to Leeds and other places we have visited and discover the animals who live there. We'll be exploring different weathers and exploring freezing and melting. Fingers crossed we get some snow!

To support our learning, we will be reading a range of books such as, 'That's Not My Penguin', 'Penguin and Pinecone' and 'Say Hello to the Snowy Animals'. This will help up to find out about where the animals live and how it's different to Leeds.



Reading & Phonics:

This term, we will continue to develop the children's pre reading skills though Phase 1 phonics. Phonics in Nursery is taught through a range of games and hands-on activities to develop the children's listening skills and sound differentiation prior to teaching the letters of the alphabet and the sounds they make. Please continue to support your child's language development, their listening and attention skills and to embed a love of reading by reading them a bedtime story each night. To support you with this, this term, we will be launching a nursery library trolley that from it, you can choose a book to take home.

In preparation for early writing, we encourage our children to explore mark making using a range of media including pencils, chalks, crayons and paint. Play dough is a great way to strengthen the muscles in a child's fingers. I have shared a simple recipe on Class Dojo to show you how to quickly and cheaply make your own at home!

Maths:

This term, we will continue to practise counting, making sure we say each number in the correct order and are speaking clearly. We will be developing our counting skills and comparing groups of objects in different ways to say which have more and which have fewer. We will continue to look at numerals and explore what they represent by matching quantities of objects.



As you are aware, at Little London we use Tapestry and Class Dojo to share your child's learning with you. We post some helpful videos and messages that will support your child with their learning at home. Don't forget to 'like' the posts we share with you to help us see you have read it!



We aim to keep you up to date with upcoming events and to tell you about ways you may be able to support your child's learning at home.

Please label your child's clothing, we want to make sure that uniform stays with the right people. We ask that this includes coats and shoes as we will be accessing our amazing outside area in all weathers and might need to wear our wellies sometimes if it's wet. As the colder weather is now here, lots of our children still love to play outside and there may be times they get wet. With this in mind, can we please ask that all children have a change of clothes including pants and socks in their bag so we can change them if necessary.

If your child needs to borrow clothes from school, they will be sent home with a slip to tell you. Can we please ask that these clothes are washed and returned to school promptly. Thank you for your support with this.

Don't forget nursery session times are as follows. Please ensure you drop off and pick up promptly at the beginning and end of a session.

Morning sessions – Monday to Friday 8.30 – 11.30am.

Afternoon sessions – Monday to Friday 12.15-3.15pm.

Full day sessions – Monday to Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm. Your child will need a healthy packed lunch each day. Don't forget to send them with a fork or spoon if they will need it to eat their lunch.

If you are working or studying and think you may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare, please speak with a member of Nursery staff for more information.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to talk to us at the end of the day or get in touch on ClassDojo messenger.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing your child continue to flourish at Little London Academy.

Many thanks,
The Nursery Team

Important Dates:

Monday 6th January – Return to school

Friday 14th February - Break up for half term holiday



Things you can do to help:

- Reading bedtime stories at home, if you don't have any story books to read to your child please come and see us and we can help with this.
- Talking with them as you walk to and from school and visit places.
- Looking at Tapestry regularly, as we will be sharing what we have been learning in class and how you can help at home.

