

KAY ROWE NEWSLETTER



November 2023

November at Kay Rowe

We have had a busy few weeks in nursery. We talked about Diwali, had fireworks at the nursery and visited the temple in Stratford. We have also been making mini me's in woodwork. Mini me's are photos of the children which are fixed onto a wooden block the child has sanded themselves, these can be used in block play or role play.

We have also been doing lots of cooking, preparing sandwiches and making chapatti on a tawa.



Getting the sand paper ready and sanding the block of wood.



Fixing on the picture. The mini me is ready!



Visiting the Temple

Making a mini me



Checking the visual timetable which shows the steps to take in making the mini me



Cutting the wood

Peace at last

We have also been focussing on core books. In Den and Nest the children are reading 'Peace at last' - a lovely book which has a focus on light and dark and environmental noises. watch the video below. [Peace at Last](#)

We have been playing sound games and focussing on noises around us. Listening and identifying sounds around us is an important part of early phonics awareness. If children are able to focus on sounds and identify them they will find it easier to learn letter sounds. There are some great sound listening games on [bbc school radio](#) which you could listen to and have fun identifying together with your child. Link below [EYFS. Listening skills - 2: Inside sounds - BBC Teach](#)

Keeping your child safe online



Start talking to your child about keeping safe online at an early age. It's easier to have conversations about online safety little and often, rather than trying to cover everything at once.

Set boundaries from the start. It makes it easier than trying to play catch-up at a later stage. Your young child should not be spending more than an hour a day on the computer or tablet, for children under three this should be 30 minutes only.

Check that websites are suitable before your child visits them. Look for websites that have parental pages that explain how the site works and how they keep your child safe. Ensure your homepage is set to a child-friendly website. Talk to friends about what websites their children use.

Play games with your child to get them used to being online.

Set 'Safety Mode' up on YouTube to help filter out explicit content. If you use Google, turn on Google 'Safe Search' to filter sexually explicit content from your search results.

Be aware of older children in the family playing unsuitable games around your child. Your child might be excited by it and want to join in. Games like fortnight are not suitable for young children.

Limiting screens and spending more time talking, playing or sharing books can help to support your child's speech and language development.

You can find more information here

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/keeping-young-children-safe-online/>

Keeping your child safe online in bengali

You can watch a video here which explains in English and Bengali how to keep your child safe online <https://youtu.be/6uZXBe2YRuI>

Parents Survey

Please complete the parents survey using the link below

<https://forms.gle/37bRA1cxed4Rocmd9>

We really welcome your feedback on our provision - Please talk to your child's key person or teacher if you have a query or concern. I am also happy to talk to parents and answer questions or discuss concerns. Please drop in and talk to me or email me on sarah.porter@kayrowe.newham.sch.uk

Video from Pascale our French teacher.

Pascale is our french teacher - she comes in on Wednesdays and does a french session for the children - it's really interactive and full of songs and games. Pascale has made a lovely Christmas video for you to watch with your child - link below the children <https://youtu.be/MT4BEUmlSkQ>

Reminder re applying to primary school

Reminder

Please don't forget to apply for primary school - this only applies to you if your child is going to be 4 before 31st August 2024. Please bring in the reference code you receive for your application and give it to us or email it to Kulvinder.raj@kayrowe.newham.sch.uk

Important Dates

- Week beginning 4th December - Visits to Emmanuel Parish Church
Let us know if you can help on the visit.
- 7th - 15th December - Focus on Hanukkah
- 14th December - Theatre show at Kay Rowe - 'Little Elf' - Theatre group coming in to Kay Rowe to do a show for the children . We are really sorry we will not be able to fit in parents as well as children but we hope they will tell you all about it.
- 18th December - Children's Christmas Party. There will be one Christmas party for all the children - I will send you more details soon. Parents do not need to come to the party.
- 19th December - Christmas Singalong - All parents are invited to join us for a Christmas singalong at 11.00 and 2.30. There will be warm drinks and mince pies!

Mobile phones—Please DO NOT use your mobile phone in the nursery. DO NOT take any photos in the nursery on your phone.



Food in children's bags

Please do not put any food or drinks other than water in a plastic bottle in children's bags - we have several children with allergies who may come across this food. We provide healthy snacks in the session and will always provide food if a child says they are hungry.

Medicines.

Always update us with any new information you have regarding your child's health and please ensure they do not bring any medicines into school in their bags. We can only give medicine to children or apply ointment to children if it has been prescribed by a doctor and has the child's name and dosage on the container.

Holiday and new term dates

We finish the term on 20th december and holiday club runs on 21st and 22nd of December. We have staff training on 4th and 5th january and the new term starts for everyone on 8th January