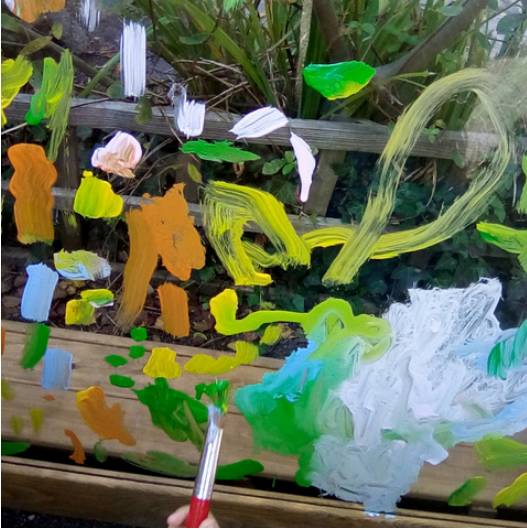


# October NEWS



Bambinos Day Nursery & Pre-School

# Tavistock



## Dates for your diary

**Monday 28th - Friday  
1st November**

Half Term

No funding will be available for children in receipt of 15/30 hours funding.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're pleased to offer a range of Parent Partnership Bags for you to take home. These bags include activities, books and ideas for you to share. Please ask your child's key worker if you would like to borrow one! Additionally, we have Autumn Walk bags, where we encourage you to collect natural treasures during walks for us to use in nursery activities. Nursery rhyme and information bags are also available upon request.

For those eligible for 9-Month Funding, if your child's birthday falls between 1st September and 31st December, funding will begin in January. You can check your eligibility and apply online. Once approved, you'll receive a code for your childcare provider.

For 3-Year-Old Funding, if your child's birthday is between now and 31st December, their funding will start in January, the term after their birthday.

Kind regards,

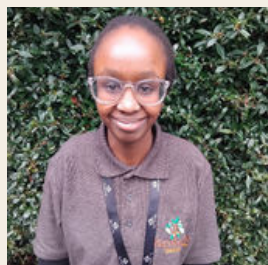
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our Social Media:**



## Colleague Spotlight

Vina supports in all rooms and is always happy to help wherever needed. She has adapted well to the busy environment in the Nook, providing great support to staff and following routines. Vina is kind, caring, and goes above and beyond, with her activity setups being especially lovely.



## Recent Training

- Sarah has completed an Understanding Autism Course.
- Stacey has completed training on Supporting and Understanding Complex Speech
- Sarah and Stacey have completed training on Speech and Language Challenges in the Early Years
- Sarah and Jade have completed in Fire Extinguisher Training



### The Nook

Our babies have been busy settling into their routine and getting to know their key person, creating a strong foundation for the months ahead. They've enjoyed exploring various painting activities, using different tools and resources to spark their creativity and sensory development. The children have also been working with playdough, focusing on building their fine motor skills and strengthening their pincer grips, which are essential for future tasks such as holding pencils and using cutlery.

### Continue at home

Create sensory experiences using household items like rice, pasta, or playdough. Let your child explore different textures, promoting curiosity and development of their senses. Ask your child's key worker for our play-dough recipe!

### The Retreat

This month, our Three Little Ducks tuff tray activity has been a big hit, engaging the children in imaginative play while reinforcing mathematical concepts like counting and sequencing. We've been focusing on colours, helping the children to identify and name different colours. Both activities building their early numeracy skills. We have also been planting pumpkin seeds! We have been checking daily to see if any pumpkins have grown!

### Continue at home

Singing counting songs, reinforces both counting skills and language development. You could also use toy ducks or other objects to help count the objects. Ask your child's key worker if there are any counting songs your child likes whilst at nursery and you could learn a new song too!

### The Studio

This month, Preschool will be celebrating the changes of Autumn. We've been having a wonderful time collecting treasures on nature walks with our families and filling our Autumn Treasure bags. Our activities will also include Halloween-themed sensory discovery trays and plenty of arts and crafts.

In our storytime sessions, we'll be sharing *The Smartest Giant in Town*, where we'll discuss the importance of kindness and how we can all support each other.

We're also excited for World Singing Day on October 19th!

### Continue at home

Set up a small drawing or art station at home. Encourage your child to draw what they see around them, helping to develop their creativity, observational skills, and early writing abilities. You could use objects with interesting textures such as fruits, to create an observation drawing. Talking through the different shapes you can see.



## APPLE AND PARSNIP SOUP

### Ingredients

1 tbsp butter  
75ml whole milk  
300g apples, peeled and cubed  
1 clove garlic, finely diced  
1 large onion, chopped  
300g parsnips, chopped into 2cm pieces  
500ml salt free vegetable stock  
Ground pepper

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### Instructions

1. Melt the butter in a large saucepan, over a medium heat.
2. Gently fry the parsnips and onion for 15 minutes until the onions are softened.
3. Add the garlic and apples, and cook for a further 2 minutes, stirring frequently.
4. Pour over the stock and bring to the boil, then reduce to a simmer.
5. Simmer for about 20 minutes, until the parsnips are very soft.
6. Remove from the heat and add the milk, then blend in a food processor (or with a stick blender) until smooth.
7. Season with black pepper to taste.

## BOOKS TO READ IN OCTOBER

Here are some delightful books that are perfect for sharing in October.

We're Going on a Leaf Hunt by Steve Metzger

Room on The Broom by Julia Donaldson

Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper

Guess How Much I Love You in the Autumn by Sam McBratney