



### **Steam Mills Primary School**

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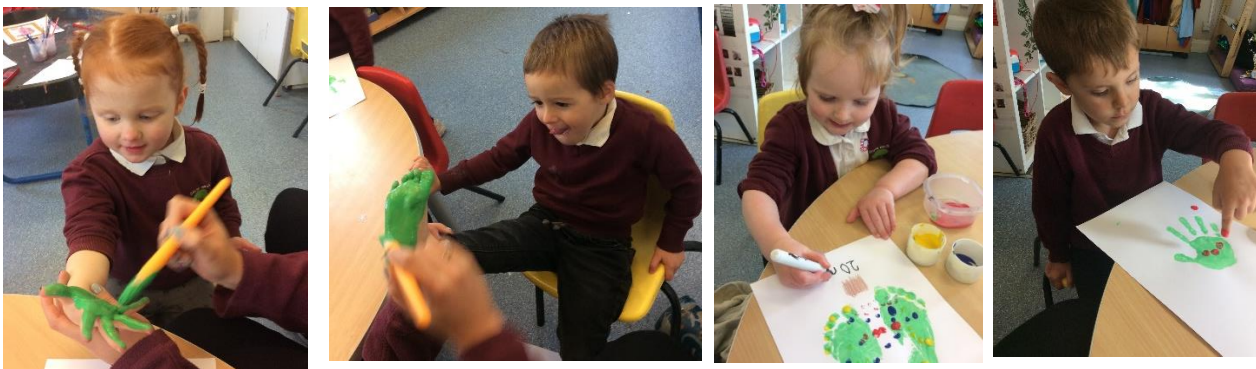
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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to all of our new parents and children. They have all settled so beautifully and we have had a very busy but fun term getting to know each other, learning rules and routines and generally having lots of fun.

We have explored our Families and talked about ourselves. The children have looked closely at their own features to create self-portraits- and have created lovely drawings of who lives in their house, talking about our similarities and differences.

We were tasked with creating the FOSM Christmas cards, so we chose to use our hands or feet to create Christmas trees- there were lots of squeals of delight when having green feet!!



Some children got to experience Yoga for the first time! Poses have included 'things that live in water' and our own version of Old McDonald using a variety of animal poses.



We have taken part in **Now press play**- All children (and adults) wear headphones and are transported through stories (Ours were Weather and The Gingerbread Man) immersing themselves, following the instructions and sounds and being imaginative.



We have enjoyed picking and tasting plums from our own tree, observing changes and using lots of mathematical language and teamwork. The children also took part in a smelling and tasting activity, as we talked about our five senses.

We have learned some Harvest songs in our weekly singing assembly and collected leaves and other natural resources to create Autumn crowns and pictures. The children have enjoyed exploring, investigating and experimenting with rain water, gloop, playdough and water colour paints- collecting and adding their own resources to extend and develop their own play ideas







**Autumn 1 Photos have been uploaded to each child's Tapestry account, please let me know if you have any issues logging on to your child's account.**

We are still after your **Family photos** please. (photos can be emailed to me if easier)

They take pride of place in our home corner for the entire time that your child is with us. Myself and Laura's family photos are up too. The children love having them in setting and they are great for activities and lovely conversation starters.

### **Polite Reminder**

Could we ask that your child only have **one sweet treat**, such as one chocolate bar, one packet of biscuits or a cake in their lunchbox

Thank you

## **We are looking for.... Do you have.....?**

- Clean paint rollers/ brushes
- Off cuts of guttering, flexi hose, tubes- to help with our plans to create a water wall
- Yoghurt pots
- Buttons
- Ribbons
- Artificial flowers
- Old phones

Any questions or queries please email [kstevens@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:kstevens@steammills.gloucs.sch.uk)

## **Important dates for your Diary**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Return to Preschool for Autumn Term 2

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**- Nativity dress rehearsal

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**- Preschool Christmas trip to Bacon Theatre- letter to follow shortly

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Nativity- Preschool, Class 1 and Class 2- more information to follow.

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Dinner day/Christmas Jumper day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas parties, Carol service

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**- End of Term

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**- Inset Day

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**- Return to Preschool- Term 3

Many thanks.  
Kelly and Laura