

## Newsletter: Autumn Term 2024

During the first half of this term, we have focussed on helping the children to settle in, **establish friendships and routines**. It has been lovely to see existing and new relationships blossoming amongst the children.



*Teamwork when raking Autumn leaves*

We recently had an **Ofsted** inspection. The inspector gave lots of positive feedback, including how staff sensitively support children and their families. The evidence was gleaned through both observation in the setting and comments from parents on the day. Thank you to those parents who contributed. If you would like to read the report, please click [here: 2024-ofsted-report.pdf](#)

Our bring 'n buy **Harvest Shop** raised over £60 for UNICEF – well done everyone!

This academic year we will use one of UNICEF's ideas as our **topic theme**: Paddington's Postcards, [Paddington's Postcards for Children - UNICEF UK](#). We will learn about the world through his travels! Over the next month, we will study

Peru (Paddington's home), through books, music, pictures and maps before progressing to other places around the world, specifically Brazil, Germany, Hungary and New Zealand.

These countries relate to the **children who attend the nursery**, and we hope that through this project we will promote a sense of belonging, inclusion, parent participation as well as inciting a sense of adventure in us all. The release of 'Paddington 3' the movie is sheer happy coincidence!



*Wearing their crowns on the allotment*

Some of the older children have visited **Chagford Community Allotment** twice already this half term, with another two more visits planned before Christmas. We would like to thank the allotment volunteers, Anne, Bundy and Annette for helping us to walk the children there and back safely. During the last visit the children planted sprouting garlic bulbs and decorated a crown with natural treasures they found on site.

Please continue reading below for more news. Thank you for your support, Ruth and the staff team ☀

## Fees and funding

A polite reminder to check your **invoice** on Tapestry – the payment due date is 24<sup>th</sup> November. ALSO, for those parents receiving **Working Entitlement** (WE), you need to reapply every 3 months by the deadline specified on the Gov.uk website to keep your code valid.

The introduction of the WE for two-year olds this September has had some inevitable teething problems. We are putting in place a new system to ease this process for new parents in the future.

## Prompt pickups please

We appreciate it when you come to collect your child/ren on time. There is always a lot to do at the end of the day and we don't have capacity for children after 4pm.

It is helpful when **older children stay outside** at collection times, to avoid overcrowding. Thank you for your understanding.

## Winter weather

Warm clothes including **gloves, hats and scarves** make a huge difference to the children's enjoyment of outside time and **wet weather gear** is essential!

## Emotion Coaching

We have been informed that we are in the '**control group**' for this research study. Although we will not be able to access the Emotion Coaching training this academic year, we hope to do so in the future. It is a worthwhile study be involved with.

## Name everything possible

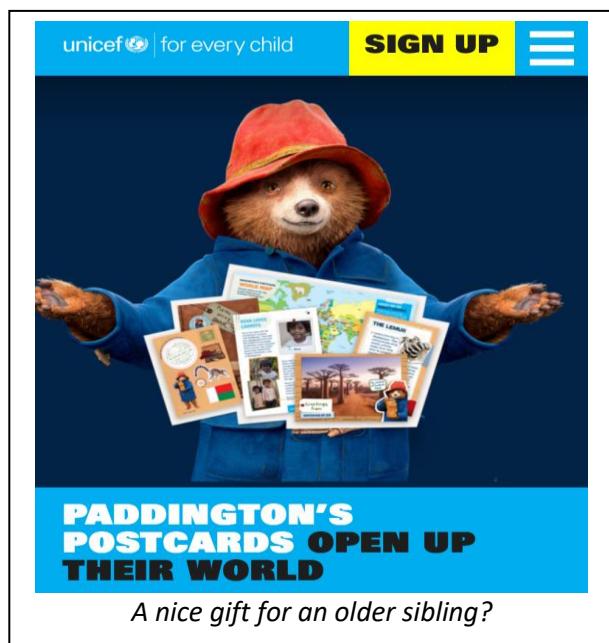
Please **NAME** your child's clothing, boots, shoes and lunch items as it avoids confusion and the loss of your belongings.

## Montessori magic

I recently discovered: [Freedom within Limits — Montessori in Real Life](#) and enjoyed reading Theresa's insights. I thought you might too.

## Winter Gathering

Please join us on the afternoon of **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** for seasonal songs and festive food. More information to follow.

A promotional image for Unicef featuring Paddington Bear. Paddington is wearing his signature red hat and blue coat, standing with arms outstretched. He is holding a stack of colorful postcards that show various global scenes and children. The background is dark blue. At the top, there is a Unicef logo and the text 'for every child'. To the right, there is a yellow 'SIGN UP' button and a blue menu icon. At the bottom, the text reads 'PADDINGTON'S POSTCARDS OPEN UP THEIR WORLD' and 'A nice gift for an older sibling?'.

## Term dates

### Autumn Term 2024

**Starts:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term 2025

**Starts:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Half term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

**Ends:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### Summer Term 2025

**Starts:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**Half term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Ends:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July