



Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



The clocks have finally gone back and the weather has certainly been communicating to us that summer is well and truly over! Why does it always seem to rain at drop off and pick up time?!? I have been admiring the perseverance of so many of you on your bikes all clad in waterproofs from head to toe, still remaining very cheery, despite being rather sodden! At school we always try to make sure that the weather isn't a barrier to the children enjoying being outside. We have plenty of water proof trousers , coats and wellies to enable the children to be out even when it's raining. For many of them, they like nothing better than splashing in puddles, as one child reminded me this morning as he enthusiastically splashed along in his wellies on the way to school this morning. It is also getting a bit colder now too, so please try to bring gloves and a hat for your child too.... if they'll keep them on.

Our six Curriculum Goals in action at Comper over the last few weeks:



Talented Tool

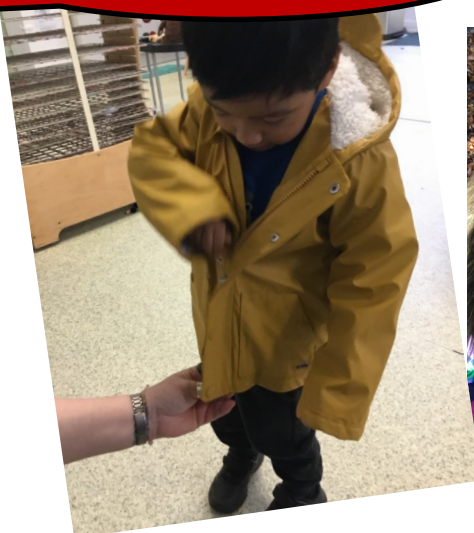


Super Story



Fantastic Friend

Independent Individual



Eager Explorer



Confident Communicator

Love Curiosity Courage and Aspiration



TalesToolKit



Staff in Butterflies and Caterpillars have been putting our Tales Toolkit training into practice by having a go at making up some wacky stories with the children. There are always four props used to stimulate the children's imaginations. The children begin to learn to shape their story around a classic, very simple story structure with a central **character**, a **setting**, a **problem** and a **solution**. Hopefully over the coming months, as the staff hone their skills and the children's story telling skills develop, they will start telling you their stories at home too. Find out more at: [Tales Toolkit](#)



SPACES AT COMPER FOR 2, 3 and 4 year olds.....spread the word!

- ⇒ **NO** Catchment area - we take children who live anywhere in Oxford.
- ⇒ 15 hour funded spaces for 3 & 4 year olds (5 mornings or 5 afternoons)
- ⇒ 30 hour funded places (4 or 5 days, 9am - 3pm term- time only)
- ⇒ 15 hour funded 2 year old places
- ⇒ Paying 2 year old places
- ⇒ After School Club places (3.00 - 5.30pm, Monday—Thursday)

Childcare
Choices

NB From April 2024 the government will fund 15 hours of free childcare for ALL two year olds. For more information on what funding will be available to support you with your childcare costs click below:

[Childcare Choices](#)



Next week is world nursery rhyme week. We will be singing and chanting lots of nursery rhymes with the children. If any of you would like to share a classic nursery rhyme from your childhood, either in English or in your mother tongue, please come and see us. We'd love to have you in to join in the fun. [World Nursery Rhyme Week](#)



CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE-
Thursday 7th December



Save the Children

Yes, we are starting to talk Christmas - sorry if that feels slightly alarming to some of you!

We will be holding a Christmas jumper/t-shirt/dress/trousers sale this year to raise money for the school.

Please bring any Christmas clothing that your children no longer wants or have grown out of to the office. **We will sell them on our Christmas clothing stall on Tuesday 5th December and Thursday 7th December at the school gates at 3pm.**

Your child will then be able to wear their 'new' Christmas clothes for our Christmas jumper day in aid of Save the children on **Thursday 14th December . Please wear your jumper/Christmas inspired clothes and donate £1.**

The children can wear them again at our **Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December.....and any other time they choose in December!**



Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who baked and bought biscuits and cakes at our Cake Sale yesterday. There were some delicious goodies on the stall. We haven't counted how much we raised yet, but we will give you an update when we know. We will be trying to do these sales on a more regular basis from now on to raise money for resources for the school. It's a great way for you to be able to support us if you can.

Have a lovely relaxing weekend.....hopefully with a bit of dry weather!

With very best wishes,



Catherine King