

Tuesday 13th November—
Z- Arts performance for Willow class

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Creative fun for dads. Join this creative session and spend quality time with your child

Friday 16th November -
Children in Need. All children are invited to come to nursery dressed in their Pyjamas or spotty clothes

Friday 23rd November –
Martenscroft is closed to ALL children for staff training

Monday 26th November—
Parent's Open Day Willow Class

Friday 7th December -
Hulme Winter Festival at Hulme Park from 3pm. All families welcome.

w/c 10th December -
Festive celebrations.
Parents are invited to Martenscroft to see the children's Christmas performances

Tuesday 11th December -
Martenscroft Special Winter Event from 3.30-5pm. All families welcome.

Thursday 20th December -
Party day for all children

Friday 21st December -
Whole school and centre closes at the end of the day. Childcare (Blossom Room) will re-open on **Wednesday 2nd January 2019**

Hulme Winter Festival

Friday 7th December 2018
3.30pm onwards

The annual Hulme Winter

Festival returns again this year to Hulme Park on Friday 7th December 2018 from 3.00pm

A winter celebration including carol singing from local schools followed by activities at the Ascension Church and Z-Arts. A small group of children from Martenscroft will be singing at the Festival, details will follow if your child is part of this group. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon for all.



Party Day

Thursday 20th December

This will be a fun Party Day for all children. There will be party food as well as lots of fun, dancing and party games. Children are invited to come to school in their favourite party clothes.

Parents Open Days

Look out for information from your child's room about open days. These will be an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in to Nursery and their progress



Martenscroft Winter Celebration

**Tuesday 11th December
3.30-5.00pm**

Come and join us at Martenscroft for our winter family event. Our festive activities will include making decorations, food, sing-along and stories

Children In Need Day

Friday 16th November 2018

Here at Martenscroft Nursery School

Our theme this year is "Pyjamas". The children are invited to come dressed in their pyjamas or something spotty and make a donation of 50p. Please join in our cake sale and name the bear competition at reception. All donations go to Children In Need



Reading Workshop **12th November 3.00-3.30pm**

There will be a reading workshop to launch reading books for Willow children. Come along to find out about early reading in Nursery.

Story Stars

We would also like to remind all parents about Story Stars which is run by the Children's Centre every Monday at 3.30pm. This is a story reading session open to all families and children.



BLOSSOM ROOM

Apple Blossom

This half term in Apple Blossom room we will be focusing on the change of seasons and the changes in the weather. We will spend time outside, going on nature walks to look at the changing colour of the leaves, the differences in the weather and talking about what we can see, smell and hear.

Our book this half term is "Stick Man" by Julia Donaldson and we will share the story, make stick men using natural objects in our sensory play and our role play, paint leaves and trees using natural resources as paintbrushes and use natural objects with our playdough.



TWIGS

We will be splashing in the puddles outside, so as the weather gets



colder and wetter please can you make sure that your child has

appropriate outdoor clothing and spare clothes labelled with their name. When we get closer to Christmas we will be focusing on festive activities (probably using lots of shiny paper and glitter) and will be practising our songs for our festive celebration. We are also learning

to say some words in other languages. Some

children will continue with Ole club, some will be learning a new song in Arabic and we will all learn a new song about saying "Hello"

in different languages.

Cherry Blossom

This term in Cherry Blossom we will be focusing on songs and rhymes. As part of this we will be sharing a range of song and rhyme books, listening to songs on the interactive board and singing songs together. We will be encouraging the babies to join in with some actions to songs and even use some signs. As the term goes on we will start to introduce some of our festive songs.



WILLOW ROOM

A big welcome back to all the children and families in Willow Class. Last half term, the children made amazing progress as they settled into new routines and got to know their key workers. They have made friends with lots of other children and are really enjoying being with us.

We are continuing to follow children's interests. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our planning by taking the time to fill in an "All About Me" form. This term, your child will be part of the focus group at least once and again, we will be asking for your input. We will be sharing with you what your child has been engaged in on Tapestry, on the learning wall or in conversation with you. Please keep looking at your Tapestry account to see what's happening and remember to "like" the photos or learning stories you see. We value your contribution so please upload photos of you and your child when you are out and about. If you have a problem with Tapestry and need some help to get started, please speak to your key worker.



This half term, we will be launching our reading activities. We will have a workshop on Monday 12th November at 3pm to share with you how we approach reading here at Martenscroft. We have already established a Martenscroft Reading Club every Monday after school which you are welcome to attend with your child. The children will receive a gift of a book bag and a story book so that you can start reading for pleasure with your child.

On Tuesday 13th November, we have arranged for Z Arts, our local creative group to host a stay and play here at Martenscroft at 9am. The session will be 45mins long and it will give you the chance to receive a voucher for future Z Arts events.

We have started our phonics sessions in Willow room this half term. We are very much focusing on developing children's listening and attention skills. It would be great if you could support us by encouraging your child to really listen to the different sounds in the environment.



The weather is now getting a bit colder and we appreciate that children will need gloves, hats and scarves to keep warm when they play outside. Please could you ensure all clothing is named and children store their hats, gloves and scarves in their trays.

Finally, we have a teaching student this half term. Her name is Amy and she is working with Steph and Cornflower group during her placement.

Thank you for the support you have given us so far to settle your child at nursery. We look forward to the next half term and have lots of activities for you to participate in.

PALM ROOM

This term is going to be a fantastic opportunity for all our parents and carers to participate in a variety of activities. A Story Stars session takes place every Monday from 3.30-4.00pm and this supports the children's



listening and attention as well as sharing books with you.

We had a Den Building session on Tuesday 6th November supported by Jan and Christina who have taken a lead on this project.

creative session for dads

The Creative session for Dads, in

partnership with the



National Football

Museum, will be held on

Tuesday 13th November. All dads are welcome – this is a fantastic opportunity to engage with your child and other dads.



Archana and Debbie will invite you to attend a fun and enjoyable Maths

workshop on Tuesday 13th and

Thursday 15th November.

We are following the children's interests through our book of the term – "We're going on a bear hunt".



The children will be making resources to support their learning as they role-play in the outdoor environment. Your child's key person will be sharing some of your child's observations and interests.