

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 16th October 2026

Busy, busy, busy!

What a week it has been in nursery. The children have been pirates, office workers, traffic controllers, highway maintenance workers, pilots, doctors, nurses, surgeons, midwives, painters, chefs, storytellers and bikers. We are exhausted just thinking about it!

Outside, the children have been thoroughly enjoying our new road system. With stop and go signs, roadwork signs, a zebra crossing and even homemade traffic lights, there has been plenty of excitement and learning along the way. As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we learned about **Garrett Morgan**, the inventor of the traffic signal, before creating our very own traffic lights.

The road system has provided wonderful opportunities for the children to develop their physical skills as they navigated different bikes and wheeled resources. They have shown increasing confidence in managing space, taking turns, following simple rules and working together to solve problems and manage risks safely.



Continuing our Black History Month celebrations, the children explored the colourful artwork of **Alma Thomas**. Inspired by nature, music and space exploration, Alma's paintings are full of vibrant, mosaic-like patterns. The children created their own beautiful interpretations using cotton buds instead of paintbrushes. Not only did they produce some wonderful artwork, but they were also strengthening the small muscles in their hands, supporting the development of fine motor skills that are so important for future writing.



This week we have also been enjoying the book ***My Rice is Best*** by **Selina Brown**. The story follows Shane and Yinka, whose friendly debate about their favourite rice dishes soon inspires their classmates to share their own favourite rice dishes from around the world. Naturally, our cooking challenge this week was **Jollof Rice and Plantain**. The children worked hard cutting vegetables, mixing spices, blending tomatoes and of course, enjoyed eating the final feast. This also gave us lots of opportunity to talk about where different types of rice originate from across the world.



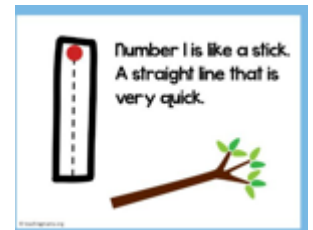
Meanwhile, **Kilmorie Hospital** has officially opened its doors.! The children have fully embraced becoming different medical professionals, including one very important role: "Dr Midwife."

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Patients have been examined, medicine prescribed and operations successfully carried out. Following a particularly thorough check-up, Fiona was informed that "your heart is no longer where it was." We are monitoring the situation closely and will keep you updated on her recovery!

Role play continues to be a fantastic way for children to develop language, imagination and social skills. Through recreating real-life experiences, children build confidence in expressing their ideas, collaborating with others and making sense of the world around them. This reflects the early years emphasis on learning through play and meaningful interactions.

We have also continued our focus on numerals and counting. The children have been practising writing the numeral **1** using a helpful rhyme and have now been introduced to the numeral **2**. They enthusiastically completed number challenges around the nursery, finding groups of objects and matching quantities to numerals. Some children have even begun writing numbers independently to show how many children are present.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Tracey and Amy, Fiona and Katrina and Marina

Things to Note:

Stay and Play

Thank you for coming to our weekly Stay and Play session. It was wonderful to see so many people there and to hear the hustle and bustle. These will now continue throughout the year every Wednesday from 8.45am – 9.30am. We would ask that if you are attending, that you stay for the whole session, to avoid multiple trips to the gate. Also, it can be unsettling for a child if you leave before other parents. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to you joining us.

Clothing and bags

Please can you ensure ALL items of clothing and bags (including lunch bags) are labelled. We will be forever grateful as it will reduce the significant time spent on trying to reunite lost items to their owners! Thank you in advance

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Wild Garden

Our wild garden sessions will start on Friday 6th November. A separate email has been sent to parents and carers providing more details. Any questions, please ask a member of staff.

Family Photos

We are creating a wonderful wall of all of our nursery families. If you have not yet had the chance, please email or drop in a photo of your family. Email: nursery@kilmore.lewisham.sch.uk



Half Term

Next Friday (23rd), is the last day of term. Nursery re-opens on Tuesday 3rd November 2026 as Monday is a school inset day.

School website:

Please do [visit our website](#), you can find details of forthcoming events on the [calendar](#) (& you can subscribe to your child/ren's year group so it will auto update your calendar), as well as photos of learning activities including educational visits in the [photo gallery](#), read all about recent events and sporting achievements in the [school news](#) section and much, much more!

Please remember to let the school office know, before 2.30pm if someone else is collecting your child.