



December Newsletter

Pre-School Room

In the pre school room we have been very busy learning about Autumn and developing our mathematical skills and fine motor skills through sorting and counting, and weighing and measuring. We have taken part in baking activities and used our motor skills to stir the mixture, cut out the biscuits and spread the icing to decorate.

We have taken part in lots of celebrations learning about Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day. Learning about different celebrations develops a child's Knowledge of the World, finding out about different cultures, traditions and family celebrations and helps your child to learn that we are all different.

Toddler Room

The toddlers have been exploring natural play. They have been exploring different foods such as threading with cheerios and rice play in the tuff tray for Diwali. We have baked and developed our mathematical and science skills. We have also taken part in scavenger hunts outside and looked for signs of nature. This activity develops a child's observational skills and Understanding of the World by learning about the natural world.

Baby Room.

The baby room have also been exploring Autumn. They have enjoyed playing in the leaves and with conkers in the tuff tray.

They have been enjoyed playing with lots of different sensory materials such as cornflour, sand and water. They have also enjoyed developing their creative skills with lots of painting.

Important Dates

- 5th Dec Preschool Nativity
- 9th Dec Christmas Party
- 16th Dec Christmas Jumper Day.
- 14th December Christmas Dinner
- 16th Dec Last Day of School Term
- 23rd Dec Breakfast around the world

Book & Rhyme of the month

Preschool: The Usbourne Nativity Story.

Preschool Rhyme: "When Santa got stuck up the chimney"

Toddlers: "Paddington's Christmas Post" by Michael Bond.

Babies and Toddlers rhyme: "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star"

Christmas Party.

Our children's Christmas party is scheduled to take place on Friday 9th December at 2pm at the nursery and will finish at 4pm. If your child does not attend that day, they will need to be dropped off at the nursery at 2pm and collected by 4pm. There will be party food, games and lots of fun! If you have not replied yet please can you Claire or Sam know so that we have an idea for catering.

Christmas Opening Hours.

The nursery will close for Christmas on Friday 23rd December at 6.00pm or earlier if all the children have been collected and will remain closed throughout Christmas week, reopening as normal on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Christmas Card Post Box

This year we will have a Christmas Post Box in the Christmas Post Office! If your child would like to send cards to their friends we will encourage them to post them in the post box to be collected and delivered by our post person.

Reindeer Run.

The children in Pre school will be taking part in a sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of Overgate Hospice. If your child does not attend on a Thursday but you would like to sponsor a staff member, please speak to a member of the pre-school staff.

Birthdays

Henry 2nd Dec

Bonnie 4th Dec

Evalynne 8th Dec

Lydia 11th Dec

Holiday Club

If you have older siblings and are wanting to book them into the Holiday Club between Monday 19th and Thursday 22nd December, then please let Claire or Sam know.



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The children in the Pre school room are going to be taking part in Christmas activities and incorporating mathematical language. You can take part at home through baking activities such as making gingerbread biscuits and talking about how much of the ingredients you will need. You can talk about the different sizes of the baubles on the tree and compare using small, medium and large.

You can talk about giving and ways that we can be kind to others.

You can also talk about the stars, like in the Nativity story and look for the brightest star. You could get your child to write a letter to Father Christmas or draw a picture of a festival that you celebrate using their mark making skills.

Toddler room

The children are going to be taking part in Christmas activities and reading the story, "Paddington's Christmas Post". At home you can write a letter to Father Christmas and post it in the post box. You can also talk about the baubles and lights and point out the colours and shapes and look for other things that are the same shape.

You can bake Christmas biscuits and develop your child's motor skills through stirring the mixture or using cutters. You could read a Christmas story and talk about the characters in the story.

Baby Room

The children in the baby room are going to be exploring Christmas and developing their Communication and Language Skills. You can do this at home by singing Christmas songs and looking at Christmas books, talking about the pictures. You could also make a sensory tray using baubles, tinsel and other Christmas items and develop your child's sensory skills and introduce new vocabulary.

You could also make gloop using corn flour and water and add scents such as ginger to it.

When Santa Got Stuck Up The Chimney.

When santa got stuck the chimney
he began to shout
"You girls and boys won't get any
toys
If you don't pull me out
My beard is black
There's soot in my sack
My nose is tickling too!"
When santa got stuck up the chimney
A-choo, a-choo, a-choo!

Next Month

The children in the Pre School will be reading "Foxes in the Snow" by Jonathan Emmett.

The children in the Toddler room will be reading "The Gruffalos Child" by Julia Donaldson.

The babies will be singing "Baa Baa Black Sheep".

Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.*

*Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!*

*When the blazing sun is gone,
When he nothing shines upon.
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.*
