



February Newsletter

Pre-School Room

The children in preschool have been learning about Winter with a focus on Mathematics. We have focused on number recognition, sorting activities and using mathematical language such as heavy and light. We have learnt about changes to the environment and developed our Understanding of the World. We also developed our scientific knowledge by learning about how ice is formed and what happens when it melts. We have learnt about reflections and shadows in the winter sun.

We celebrated Chinese New Year. We talked about how the Chinese celebrate the New Year, discussing what foods they eat and what clothes they wear. We also tasted a variety of Chinese food during the day.

30 Hours funded childcare starting for April

Are you eligible to claim the 30 hours funded childcare for children who turned 3 between Jan and Mar 31st? If you are not sure please go to the government website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to check eligibility. If you are eligible you can register immediately and you will be given an eligibility code.

Once you have been given your eligibility code please bring it to Claire along with your National Insurance numbers. Once Claire has that information she can then go ahead and apply for funding.

Toddler Room

The toddlers have been focusing on their Personal, Social and Emotional Development. They have taken part in activities that involve sharing and turn taking, such as table tops games. They have also been learning about Winter and playing with ice and watching it melt. They took part in play using lots of natural objects to stimulate the senses such as playing with scented playdough, which they made using flour and fruit essence.

Baby Room

In the Baby room they have had lots of fun taking part in messy play, experiencing different textures, smells and temperatures. They have also had fun playing with small world toys such as the train track. They really enjoyed making the noises of the trains and cars, developing their communication and language skills.

Important Dates

Valentines Day 14th
Feb Half Term Mon 13th
Pancake day 21st Feb
Breakfast around the World 28th Feb

Book & Rhyme of the month

Preschool: "One Snowy Night" by Nick Butterworth.
Toddler Room: "Polar Bear and The Snow Cloud" by Jane Cabrera.

Baby Room: "I'm a little Snowman".

Safer Internet Day 7th Feb

Safer Internet Day 2023 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, when interacting with their friends and peers and playing games online. There is some valuable information on the following website [Safer Internet Day 2022 - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/)

Valentines Day.

On Tuesday 14th February we are inviting your child to come dressed in something red or pink. We will be taking part in lots of fun activities throughout the week.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. Come dressed up as your favourite story book character. We will be taking part in activities throughout the week to promote reading books and developing literacy skills.

Birthdays

Rio 1st
Eliza 6th
Alayna 9th
Vincent 9th
Ziggy 15th
Alaia 21st

Staff Changes

We would like to Welcome Xanthe to the team. Xanthe is level 3 qualified and has 15 years experience in childcare. She will be working with the preschool children every morning.



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The children in the preschool room are going to be developing their Personal, Social and Emotional Development skills through activities that develop their confidence as well as learning about feelings and other children's feelings. At home you can support your child by encouraging them to put on their coats and shoes and having a go at fastening their own coats. You could also encourage them to go to the bathroom by themselves and manage their own health and self care skills. You can encourage them to take the lids of their yoghurt pots by themselves or peel a banana for themselves.

Toddler room

The children are going to be focusing on their Communication and Language Development throughout February. You can support this learning at home by singing lots of nursery rhymes and reading stories. When reading the story ask lots of questions that encourage language development. Make sound effects and noises when reading stories and encourage the children to copy the noises.

You can also encourage the language development of your child by going out for walks and listening to different sounds and distinguishing between them. This will help to support their pre-reading skills.

Baby Room

The baby room are going to be taking part in activities that promote Physical development. You can develop this at home by taking to the park and letting them have a go at climbing up the slide steps.

You can create an obstacle course using cushions and encourage the children to climb through the cushions. You can dance with your child to music and get them to move in different directions.

You can play with water in the bath and get them to empty and fill the containers which helps develop their gross motor skills.

If you are happy and you know it.

If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands.

If you're happy and you know it,
And you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it

...Clap your hands.
...Stamp your feet
...Nod your head
...Shout We are.

Next Month

During March the children in pre school will be reading "Monkey Puzzle" by Julia Donaldson

The Toddler Room will be reading "The Tiger Who Came To Tea" by Judith Kerr.

The Baby Room will be singing "Five Little Speckled Frogs".

I'm a Little Snowman

I'm a little snowman round and fat

Here's my scarf and here's my hat

When the snow is falling come and play,

Build a snowman everyday.
