



# February Newsletter

## Pre-School Room

The children in preschool have been learning about Winter. They have enjoyed taking part in activities that develop their knowledge around Winter. They have had sensory tuff trays that have been winter themed such as an arctic tuff tray. They have also enjoyed playing with ice and developing their scientific knowledge learning about freezing and melting. They have taken part in activities that develop their mathematical knowledge such as making patterns with a winter themed tinker tray learning about patterns and repetition. They have also enjoyed taking part in lots of creative activities such as snowflake printing and cutting out snowflakes and developing their scissor skills.

## Toddler Room

The children in the Toddler Room have been learning about Winter. They have read the story "Bear Snores On" and had a bear themed tuff tray. They have frozen plastic animals in ice and had fun trying to melt the ice to defrost the animals. They have taken part in lots of creative activities including making snow themed collages.

They have enjoyed making snowmen in the playdough and developing their mathematical knowledge by comparing sizes.

## Baby Room

In the baby room the children have also enjoyed taking part in Winter themed activities. They have had lots of tuff trays to explore in, including squirty cream and chocolate powder which the children enjoyed squishing.

They have taken part in ice play and enjoyed the feel of the cold, whilst learning new words such as cold, ice and melt.

They have also played with a winter wonderland train set and developed their imagination skills.

## Important Dates

Chinese New Year 10th Feb  
Feb Half Term Mon 12th  
Pancake Day 13th Feb  
Valentines Day 14th Feb  
Breakfast around the World 26th Feb

## Book & Rhyme of the month

Pre-School: "One Snowy Night"  
Toddler Room: "Say Hello to the Snowy Animals"  
Baby Room: "Pat a Cake"

## Cold Weather Clothing

We like to go out to play in all weathers. Please could we ask that you bring a suitable coat, gloves and hat for your child to wear when playing outside. Please could you ensure that these are labelled so that they don't get lost or mixed up. If you could also make sure that your child has a pair of wellies to change into in case it is wet or muddy. If your child is coming to nursery in wellies please could you send alternative footwear so that your child can wear them indoors.

## Valentines Day.

On Wednesday 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 7th 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.

## Parents Evening.

We are holding our Termly Parents Evenings during February. Please look out for the details sent out via Evidence Me if you have not already booked an appointment.

## Lending Library

Do you know that we have a lending Library located in the entrance?

If you would like to borrow a book please let a member of staff know.

## Birthdays

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

## Staff News

We are happy to announce that Sophie has successfully completed her Baby Room Leader Training and has now been appointed to the role. Lucy continues to be the Toddler Room Leader and Sam the Pre school Leader.



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## Things to do at home this month

### Pre-School

The children in the Pre-School Room are going to be learning about Countries Around the World. You can join in at home by tasting food from different countries around the world including Chinese food for Chinese New Year on the 10th February. You can also talk about how people celebrate Chinese New Year.

Make pancakes for Shrove Tuesday on the 13th February and think of different fillings to put in the middle of them. Let the children join in making them and develop their mathematical skills learning about measuring and weighing out ingredients.

### Toddler room

The children are going to be focusing on learning about animals. You can join in at home by asking your child to draw a picture of their favourite animal or you could read a story book with animals in, such as "Dear Zoo" and talk about the animals, asking questions such as "what noise does that animal make?" or "what does that animal like to eat?"

You can bake animal shaped biscuits and develop your child's mathematical skills introducing mathematical language such as heavy or more and less.

You could go for a day out to the zoo and see all the different animals, don't forget to end us pictures!

### Baby Room

The baby room are going to be taking part in activities that promote sensory learning. They will be taking part in activities that stimulate the senses through smelling different scents in the playdough or scented water in the water tray. You can take part at home by making your own playdough with different scents in.

Make rattles with rice in plastic bottles and use them as musical instruments for a singing session. You can take part in a finger painting session and talk about the feel of the paint.

You could also play "Peek a boo".

### Play Dough Recipe

2 cups [plain flour](#)  
(2 tablespoons [vegetable oil](#) ([baby oil](#) and [coconut oil](#) work too)  
1/2 cup [salt](#)

2 tablespoons [cream of tartar](#)

1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)

[gel food colouring](#) (optional)

### Next Month

During March the children in **Pre-School** will be reading "The Monkey Puzzle" by Julia Donaldson.

The **Toddler Room** will be "Five Minutes Peace" by Jill Murphy.

The **Baby Room** will be singing "Mary Mary Quite Contrary".

### Mary Mary Quite Contrary.

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
With silver bells and cockleshells  
And pretty maids all in a row.

