



February Newsletter

Pre-School Room

The children in preschool have been learning about Winter. They have used their science skills to learn about the different ways ice melts. They have talked about how ice forms and the cold. They have had fun making welly prints as well as playing with the ice in the water tray. We have developed our fine motor skills threading beads onto pipe cleaners. We used this activity to develop our mathematical skills also by sorting the colours and making patterns. We have read our Book of the Month "The Gruffalo's Child". We created a tuff tray and explored the characters and retold the story. We talked about the rhyming words throughout the story which the children enjoyed, this activity helps develop your child's pre reading skills

30 Hours subsidised childcare starting from April

Are you eligible to claim the 30 hours funded childcare for children who are turning 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, ready in time for the Summer term starting after Easter.

Toddler Room

In the toddler room, the children have been reading "The Stick Man" story by Julia Donaldson and have had fun developing their listening skills.

They have made stick men figures out of sticks that they searched for outside. They have used the story to talk about feelings and develop empathy. They have developed their mathematical skills and reading skills by playing a matching game and talking about the characters in the story.

Baby Room

In the Baby Room we have been learning about Winter. The children have explored ice and other sensory items.

They baked buns and decorated them with icing. They have also explored the tuff tray which was set up with winter animals. They have enjoyed paying out and exploring the ice that formed in the tray outside.

Important Dates

Chinese New Year 1st

Valentines Day 14th

Feb Half Term Mon 21st

Breakfast around the World 25th - France

Book & Rhyme of the month

Preschool: "When Will It Snow?" By Kathryn White

Toddler: "The Smartest Giant In Town" by Julia Donaldson

Babies: Five Fat Sausages

Chinese New Year

On Tuesday 1st February we will be celebrating the start of the Chinese New Year with lots of activities based around the year of the Tiger and we will also be eating a special Chinese meal.

Valentines Day

On Monday 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.

Safari Day (Pre School Children Only)

During February the children in the preschool room will be learning about animals. On Friday 18th February we are inviting them to come dressed as a safari animal such as a leopard. We will be taking part in lots of safari themed activities which will all be shared via Evidence me.

Staff Changes

Cheryl is leaving us on the 17th of February to work in a school and support her teaching studies. We will miss her and wish her luck.

We are pleased to welcome Lily, Abi and Gaby who are all joining us in February.

Birthdays

Noah 1st

Eliza 6th

Vincent 9th

Safer Internet Day 8th Feb

Safer Internet Day 2022 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](#)



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The children will be reading the story "When will it snow?" You can read the story at home and talk about the characters. The story is a good way to talk about the seasons and why it snows. You can talk about dressing for the snowy weather and what type of clothes we need to keep warm.

We will also be learning about animals throughout February and so you can talk about what your child's favourite animal is and why they like them. Ask them to draw a picture of their favourite animal and use the activity to talk about the colour of the animals or the patterns on them. Bake some animal shaped biscuits and use the activity to bring in some mathematical skills such as talking about measurements and using language such as more and less.

Toddler room

The children are reading "The Smartest Giant in Town" throughout February. You can read the story at home and talk about the characters asking questions such as "Which one is your favourite?" and "why?"

Talk about sharing and how nice it was of the Giant to give his clothes to the other characters. Ask your child to draw a picture of their favourite part of the story. You can encourage them to help fold the socks together, getting them to sort the socks into pairs.

Baby Room

The children in the babies are singing "Five fat sausages" this month. You can sing the song at home and use the props that we are sending home for you to use.

You can talk about cold and play with ice. Bake with them and talk about temperature.

Play with cornflour and water to develop sensory play and learn new vocabulary such as squelchy, wet and sticky.

Go for a winter walk and talk about there being no leaves on the trees.

Old Macdonald

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,
And on his farm he had a cow, E-I-E-I-O,
With a moo-moo here and a moo-moo there,
Here a moo,
there a moo,
everywhere moo-moo,
Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O.

Old MacDonald had a farm, E-I-E-I-O,
And on his farm he had a pig, E-I-E-I-O,
With an oink-oink here and an oink-oink there,
Here an oink.....

Next Month

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

The Toddler Room will be reading "A squash and a squeeze" by Julia Donaldson.

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

Five Fat Sausages.

*Five fat sausages frying in a pan
All of a sudden - one went "BANG"!*

*Four fat sausages frying in a pan
All of a sudden - one went "BANG"!*

*Three fat sausages frying in a pan
All of a sudden - one went "BANG"!*

*Two fat sausages frying in a pan
All of a sudden - one went "BANG"!*

*One fat sausage frying in a pan
All of a sudden - it went "BANG"!*

No fat sausages frying in a pan.