



January Newsletter

Pre-School Room

The children in the Pre School enjoyed learning about Christmas throughout December. They enjoyed taking part in lots of craft activities such as making cards and calendars. They also talked about how different countries celebrate Christmas.

They had lots of fun taking part in the Nativity which they practiced so hard for. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed performing it.

We have enjoyed playing in the Post Office developing our writing skills sending cards. We used our Mathematical skills weighing parcels and playing with money. We read our story of the month "The Nativity" and learnt about the characters in the story and talked about which parts the children liked best.

Snow Action Plan

In the case of heavy snow or ice we will endeavour to open the nursery wherever possible, ensuring the safety of the children and staff. In the event of a closure we will notify you by text and email and on our social media. In the case of heavy snowfall during the day we will contact you via phone to make arrangements for early collection if necessary

Warm Coats

Please could we remind all parents to provide warm coats and outdoor footwear such as wellies and a hat and gloves whilst it's cold, because we like to play outside in all weathers.

Toddler Room.

In the Toddler Room they enjoyed taking part in Christmas activities and reading their Book of The Month "A Snowy Night". They enjoyed learning about the animals and talking about sharing. They took part in lots of Christmas activities such as making cards and calendars, as well as baking. They were introduced to new vocabulary such as advent, bauble and description words such as sparkly and shiny.

Baby Room

During the month of December, the baby room explored lots of different sensory activities based around Christmas, such as exploring fake snow and ice. We talked about the twinkly lights and explored Christmas items such as baubles, tinsel and other Christmas decorations.

Important Dates

- 27th Jan Breakfast from around the world.
- 1st Feb Chinese New Year.
- 18th Feb Pre School Safari dressing up
- Half Term Mon 21st Feb.

Book & Rhyme of the month

Preschool: "Gruffalos Child" by Julia Donaldson.

Toddler: "Stick Man" by Julia Donaldson

Babies: "Five Little Ducks".

Covid 19

We have robust measures in place to protect the children, staff and parents. Please could we ask you to help us keep everybody safe by adhering to the latest guidelines issued by the Government.

Please may we remind you that for children under 5 if they display any symptoms of Covid, they must go for a PCR test and self isolate.

In the event of someone testing positive in your household, we would request that you keep you child at home or have them tested before bringing them to nursery. This will help protect everyone and help us to keep the nursery open. We are aware that many nurseries have had to temporarily close or shut various rooms due to outbreaks amongst staff, which we are very keen to avoid.

We thank you for your continued support and appreciate your cooperation.

Birthdays

Alexander 1st Nova 16th
 Bhodi 3rd
 Beatrix 4th
 Oscar 5th
 Riley 8th
 Nevaeh 10th

Staff Changes.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Deborah who has left to take a more senior role elsewhere. We would like to welcome Chloe who is level 3 qualified She will be starting with us at the beginning of February.

Sophie has started her maternity leave sooner than expected and we are delighted to say that she has given birth to a beautiful baby boy. We are very pleased to welcome back Vikki who has finished her maternity leave a couple of weeks early to help us out!



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The children in the pre school room are reading the book "The Gruffalo's Child". You could read the story at home and talk about the different characters as well as talking about the rhyming words in the story. Encourage your child's listening skills by missing a word out and see if they can fill the gap. We are also learning about Winter, you can talk about the weather and examine items covered in frost. You can go for a walk and look at the changes to the trees and environment during the Winter. Make a vegetable soup and encourage your child to help prepare the vegetables talking about them being cut in half or quarters. It's the RSPB's Big Bird Watch during January, so why not look for different birds in the garden and even make some bird feeders for them and talk about caring for animals during winter.

Toddler room

The children are reading "The Stick Man" story by Julia Donaldson. You can talk about the different seasons in the story and the differences between them. When reading the story talk about how your child would feel if they were lost and talk about how the characters are feeling. You can also talk about the trees outside and what they look like without any leaves on. Collect some sticks and make your own stickman.

Don't forget to share pictures!

Baby Room

The children in the babies are singing "Five Little Ducks" and the words are below. You could encourage the children to show you the actions and ask what number comes next? What noise does a duck make?

You can also look at books of farm animals and talk about the different noises that the animals make. You can add toy ducks to bathtime and introduce counting by counting the ducks.

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!

Next Month

During February the Pre School children will be reading the story "When will it Snow?" by Kathryn White.

Toddler Room the children will be reading "The Smartest Giant in Town" by Julia Donaldson.

The baby room will be singing "Five fat sausages".

Five Little Ducks

Five Little ducks went swimming one day,
Over the hills and far away.
Mother Duck said quack,
quack, quack, quack,
But only four little ducks came back....