



January Newsletter

Pre-School Room

The children in Pre School enjoyed learning about Christmas throughout December. They enjoyed making lots of Christmassy things both inside and out. They took part in lots of Christmas crafts and used their creative skills to create lots of lovely items. They wrote letters to Santa and posted them in the postbox. They also enjoyed exploring the stick man tuff tray and developing their literacy skills listening to the story. They developed their mathematical skills making patterns with Christmas decorations. They developed their Knowledge of the World making bird feeders and placing them outside to feed the birds. They also talked about taking care of the animals in winter.

Toddler Room

In the Toddler Room the children enjoyed taking part in lots of different Christmas activities. They explored the sensory tuff tray, experiencing different colours and textures.

They took part in lots of different Christmas crafts and enjoyed developing their imaginative skills. They playing outside and took part in a Christmas scavenger hunt using their observational skills. They also enjoyed listening to Christmas stories and singing lots of Christmas songs.

Baby Room

In the baby room the children have been took part in Christmas crafts, developing their creative skills. They also took part in lots of Christmas sensory play through exploring the Christmas sensory tuff tray containing items such as tinsel.

They developed their physical skills playing with the candy cane playdough, using their motor skills to push and squeeze the playdough. They also enjoyed reading Christmas stories.

Important Dates

Nursery Reopens - 2nd Jan 2025

School term time starts - 6th January

Book & Rhyme of the month

Pre School - "Gruffalo's Child".

Toddlers - "Stick Man"

Babies - "I'm a little snowman".

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 our social media.

In the case of heavy snowfall during the day we will contact you via phone to make arrangements for early collection.

Coffee Morning and Reindeer Run

Thankyou to all that attended the coffee morning. The amount raised was a fantastic £653.92. All proceeds are in aid of the Overgate Trust and will support the amazing work that they do.

Car parking.

Please can be remind parents that parking at the bottom of the drive or on the yellow zig zags is illegal between the hours of 8am until 5pm. The zig zags are in place to protect the children arriving and leaving the school and nursery grounds. We politely ask that you do not park over the neighbours drives and block access for them getting in and out. Please can you remind other family members that collect on your behalf.

Birthdays

Oliver 6th
Riley 8th
Emi 17th

Thankyou

Thankyou for all the lovely presents and cards, we really appreciate all your generosity.

Warm Coats

Please could we remind you to provide warm coats and outdoor footwear, such as wellies and a hat and gloves whilst it's cold because we like to go out in all weathers. This applies to all age groups.



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The children in Preschool will be learning about Winter. You can join in at home by talking about the things we see in winter such as the frost and snow. Draw pictures of winter scenes and talk about the colours you are using. Talk about how to keep warm in winter and the type of clothes we need to wear and encourage your child to put their own coat and gloves on. This is a great way to support school readiness. You could ask your child to try and zip their coat up for themselves.

You can also talk about the type of animals that live in the cold and draw pictures of them talking about the colours of their fur and feathers.

Toddler room

The children in Toddler room are learning about Winter. You can join in at home by reading stories such as "Elmer In the Snow" or you could draw or paint winter pictures talking about the different colour names and how to mix colours. You could make a winter soup letting your child help chop the vegetables that go in the soup. You can sing songs such as "I'm a little snowman" or "Here we go round the mulberry bush".

If you go out for a walk talk to your child about the differences they see such as there being no leaves on the trees or the frost covering the grass.

Baby Room

The children in the Baby Room will also be learning about Winter with a focus on Communication and Language. You can join in at home by singing the rhyme of the month "I'm a little snowman". You could make sensory trays with corn flour gloop and add glitter to it to make it sparkle and introduce language such as shiny, wet etc.

You could also freeze items into ice and let your child play with it and talk about the water melting and introduce language such as cold, hot, melting etc.

I'm a Little Snowman

I'm a little snowman short and fat,
Here's my scarf and here's my hat.
When the snow is falling and come
and play build a snowman everyday



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Next Month

The children in the **Pre-School** will be reading "Handa's Surprise".

The children in the **Toddler room** will be reading "The Love Monster".

The **Babies** will be singing "Rain Rain Go Away".

Paint Winter Pebbles Activity.

Start by collecting some pebbles or large stones. You might be able to find these in your garden, or you could organise a walk to your local woodlands or park. When you return, be ready to decorate them in a winter theme. You might want to paint some snowflakes on them, or a snowman. These can then be laid out in an outdoor area for display.