



March Newsletter

Pre-School Room

The children in pre-school have been learning about different Countries from around the world. They have explored India and enjoyed taking part in making and tasting Indian food. They have also had fun learning about China and the Chinese New Year.

We have also learnt about animals from the rainforest and talked about different habitats where the animals live.

The children enjoyed roleplay in the Valentines Day restaurant and the Indian restaurant. They used their senses playing with the playdough and adding different spices to it such as coriander and ginger.

Toddler Room

The children in the Toddler room have been developing their vocabulary skills through learning new words when exploring about Valentines Day and Chinese New Year.

They have also been learning about turn taking and learning to share through turn taking games.

We have also developed our sensory skills playing in the tuff tray exploring the noodles and coloured rice.

We have also talked about farm animals and learnt their names and the sounds they make.

Baby Room

In the Baby room the children have been developing their communication skills through sensory play focusing on Winter. They have taken part in sticking and glueing and painting. They have also enjoyed playing outside and exploring the different types of weather. Throughout the theme of Winter the children have been singing songs and looking at books that encourage your child's communication and language development.

Important Dates

World Book Day - 7th March

Red Nose Day -15th March

Mother Day - 10th March

Ramadan starts 11th March

St Patrick's Day -17th March

Good Friday - 29th March

Book & Rhyme of the month

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

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

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

School Drive and Parking.

When dropping off your child, please can we remind you to drive and park safely.

Please be considerate of the neighbours and leave driveways clear.

Do not park or stop on the yellow zigzags, the police are carrying out random checks and issuing fines to people parking illegally.

Please be mindful of your speed when coming up the driveway - there have been some near misses.

Thankyou for your cooperation.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March with a dressing up day. Come dressed up as your favourite story book character.

Red Nose Day

This year we will be taking part in Red Nose Day on Friday 15th March. Come dressed in something red and we will be selling buns. Don't forget your coins for the collection bucket!

Easter

Reminder that the nursery will be closed on both Good Friday 29th March and Easter Monday 1st April.

Birthdays

Thomas 3rd Milen 27th

Bonnie B 8th

Charlotte Br 16th

Jack 16th

Evie 17th

Easter Bonnet Competition

We will be holding our Annual Easter Bonnet Competition in March.

There will be a prize for the best Easter Bonnet design from each room which the children have contributed to making.

All entries need to be brought in to nursery by Monday 18th March and judging will take place on Friday 22nd March.



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The children in the Pre school room will be learning about Spring. You can join in at home by going for walks and talking about the signs of Spring, looking at the buds on the trees and the spring flowers. You can draw pictures of the lovely flowers when you get back home talking about the different colours. Look out for the different animals that are being born, such as the ducklings and the lambs, and talk about the different names of the baby animals.

Make Easter Nest Cakes using corn flakes and chocolate and talk about the changes to the chocolate when it melts and sets. Use this as an opportunity to develop mathematical knowledge, talking about quantities and measure the ingredients.

You could also plant seeds for the summer time and talk to your child about how we care for the seeds to help them grow.

Toddler room

The children in the Toddler Room are going to be focusing on the theme Spring. You can join in at home by looking at books of baby animals and talking about the names of the animals and the sounds that they make, supporting your child's language development.

You can also go for a walk and look for the different flowers appearing and talk about the colours of the flowers. Paint pictures of the flowers and talk about mixing different colours together to create new ones.

Bake animal shaped biscuits encouraging your child to help measure out the ingredients and develop their mathematical language.

Talk about the changes that we have started seeing in Spring time such as the leaves growing on the trees.

Baby Room

The Babies are also going to be focusing on Spring and Easter through their sensory development. You can join in at home by making playdough and adding different scents. Whilst playing with the playdough talk about the feel of the playdough and ask questions such as "how does the playdough feel?" and introduce words such as squishy.

You can also go for walks and look for flowers that are growing and for buds appearing on the trees and shrubs.

Paint pictures and name the colours you are using to help develop vocabulary. Painting also helps develop your child's fine motor skills and develops your child's pincer grip that they need to use to hold a pencil correctly.

Sugar Cookie Recipe.

Ingredients

100g unsalted butter, softened
100g caster sugar, 2 eggs
1tsp vanilla extract 30g cornflour
300g plain flour.

Method. Beat the butter and sugar with an electric whisk for 4 mins until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then add the vanilla. Whisk in the cornflour and plain flour until the mixture comes together into a dough. Put the dough between two pieces of baking parchment, and roll out to a 6mm thickness using a rolling pin. Chill for 30 mins. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Peel the top layer of parchment off the dough and stamp out circles using a 6cm round cutter (or the shape of your choice). Transfer the cookies to a second large baking sheet lined with baking parchment, spacing them 2cm apart (you may need two sheets). Bake for 7-10 mins. Leave to cool on the sheet for 15 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Next Month

During April the **Pre School Room** children will be reading the book "How I Grow" by Natalie Anne.

Toddler Room will be reading "Whatever Next" by Jill Murphy

The **Baby Room** will be singing the rhyme "Baa Baa Black Sheep"

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?

Yes, sir, yes, sir, three bags full
One for the master, and one for the dame

And one for the little boy who lives
down the lane.

