



# March Newsletter

## Pre-School Room

The children in preschool have been learning about animals. They have learnt about the different names of animals, what they eat and where they live. They have learnt about where milk comes from and pretended to milk cows using latex gloves as udders. They have been introduced to new language such as habitat. They have enjoyed playing in the sensory tuff trays and building the habitats for the animals. They have also read the book of the month "When will it snow?". They enjoyed talking about the characters. The book of the month develops your child's literacy skills so that they learn about the structure of a story including learning about the author and illustrator. All this learning supports your child's reading skills when they go to school.

## Toddler Room

The children in the Toddler room have been exploring the story "The Smartest Giant in Town" and learning about the story and the rhyming words. They have also had fun developing their literacy skills through playing with tweezers and threading. This type of activity helps develop the muscles needed for learning to hold a pencil and later on develop writing skills. They have also enjoyed lots of sensory messy play in the shaving foam, jelly and gloop. This is another activity that develops a child's fine motor skills.

## Baby Room

In the Baby room the children have been exploring sensory play. They have enjoyed playing in the sand and water as well as in the shredded paper. They have also had fun using their creative skills to glue and stick as well as to paint pictures. They have also enjoyed playing with the light cubes and looking at the different colours.

## Important Dates

Pancake Day 1st Mar  
World Book Day 3rd Mar  
Red Nose Day 18th Mar  
St Patrick's Day 17th  
Mother Day 27th Mar

## Book & Rhyme of the month

Preschool: "Monkey Puzzle" by Julia Donaldson

Toddler Room: "A Squash and a Squeeze" By Julia Donaldson

Baby Room: "Five Little Speckled Frogs".

## Opening Times

Please could we remind you that the nursery opening time is 8am. We do offer a 7.30am start. The numbers are limited and charged at £4 per session. If you would like to book the early starts then please feel free to speak to Claire or Joanne.

### Toys from home.

Please could we ask that children do not bring in toys from home. We would hate for them to get lost and there of lots of lovely toys in the nursery for them to play with.

### Carrier bags.

Please can we ask that no carrier bags are brought into nursery to avoid potential choking hazards. If you are bringing muddy wellies please put them inside your child's bag.

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March with a dressing up day. Come dressed up as your favourite story book character. We will also be raising funds for Crackerjacks Children's charity. Funds raised will help Crackerjacks to be able to supply vital specialist equipment such as wheel chairs, wet rooms, Eyegaze systems, sensory toys or a much needed respite break at their new holiday home (Ray's Sunshine Holiday Home) for a disabled child and their family. We will be asking for donations on the day. Please help us support them and the wonderful work they do.

## Birthdays

Elijah 5 2nd      Louie 26th  
Harry 2nd  
Thomas 3rd  
Jessica 7th  
Charlotte 16th  
Jack 16th

## Red Nose Day

This year we will be taking part in Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March. We will taking part in lots of fun activities and raising money for such a brilliant cause. Don't forget your red nose!



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## Things to do at home this month

### Pre-School

The children in the Pre school room will be learning about Healthy Bodies and talking about taking care of themselves. You can talk to your child about why we need to brush our teeth and what foods are good for us. You can talk about what their favourite vegetables are and make a soup using them. This is a perfect opportunity to introduce mathematical language talking about halves and quarters and following a recipe. You could read our book of the month *Monkey Puzzle* and talk about animals and babies and their different names. You could go for a bug hunt and talk about the different insects you find. You can also draw pictures and send them to us, asking your child to tell us what they have drawn a picture of.

### Toddler room

The children in the Toddler room will be learning about farm animals and talking about the animals and their babies. You could go for a walk and talk about the different animals you can see. You could also talk about the names of the animals and what they are called such as *three name lamb* for a baby sheep. You can talk about how the animals make and sing "Old MacDonald had a farm".

The Toddler Room are going to be reading "A Squash and a Squeeze" You can read the story and talk about size and introduce language such as big and little. You can find things and compare the sizes of them. Ask your child what their favourite part of the story is?

### Baby Room

The Babies are singing "Five Little Speckled Frogs".

You can talk to them about frogs and make the sound. You can use props and count down the frogs.

They will also be talking about baby animals during March. You could talk about the different sounds they make and sing "Old Macdonald". You can also look at books with animals in and talk and encourage the children to name the animals. You could bake biscuits of animal shapes.

Don't forget to share any pictures with us.

### Five Little Speckled Frogs.

Five little speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious  
bugs.

YUM! YUM!

One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool,  
Now there are four green  
speckled frogs!  
GLUB! GLUB!

### Next Month

During April the pre school room children will be reading the book "Gruff". They will be singing the song "Five Little Speckled Frogs".

The Toddler Room will be reading "Guess how much I love you?" and singing "Five Little Ducks".

The Baby room will be singing the rhyme "Five little monkeys"

### Five Little Ducks

*Five little ducks  
Went out one day  
Over the hills and far away  
Mother duck said  
"Quack, quack, quack, quack"  
But only four little ducks  
came back.*

*Four little ducks  
Went out one day  
Over the hills and far away  
Mother duck said  
"Quack, quack, quack, quack."  
But only three little ducks  
came back.*