



Monkey Puzzle Ware

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Dates for your diary

Halloween Party

Wednesday 28th October

Christmas Closure

21st December-28th
December inclusive

31st December

Inset Day (nursery closed)

Dear Parents,

The Halloween party is coming up, this unfortunately is not open to parents and only to children in on the day. There will be a party tea and we encourage the children to come in in fancy dress. We will still have messy play for the morning though so if you only want your child to wear their costume for the party (14.30-16.30) please let the team know.

You may have noticed all of the children in pink puddle suits in the garden, the nursery has purchased some spare ones to ensure the children have appropriate attire for the garden, we urge you to still supply your own where possible though. We have decided to enforce mandatory welly boots and puddle suits for the garden also, we do not have spare welly boots so please ensure your children have these with them everyday and some normal shoes for inside, preferably not slippers as they do not protect well for water play.

We are hoping that by December/January when the next set of assessments are due we will be able to start having parents evenings again, either face to face while distancing or via Zoom. If you have any concerns regarding your child's learning in the meantime please do get in touch. Next week key people will be contacting parents of the children who flagged as needing a little extra support in their most recent assessment to put a plan in place.

Kind Regards,

The Management Team

What's for lunch?



Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy	Cereal + Toast Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy
AM Snack	Pitta bread & humous Gluten	Fruit selection	Croissants Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Fruit Loaf + Butter Gluten
Lunch	Penne Pasta Bake Fruit Salad Gluten	Chicken Teriyaki and rice Yogurt Gluten, Dairy, sesame	Moroccan chicken and cous cous Fruit cake Gluten, dairy, Eggs	Shepherd's Pie and mixed vegetables Melon pieces	Roast Turkey, Roast potatoes and Carrots Yogurt Dairy, Gluten
PM Snack	Fruit selection	Malt loaf Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Fruit and cinnamon Bagels Gluten, dairy	Fruit selection
Tea	Mixed sandwiches and salad Chocolate sponge Gluten, Raw tomatoes, Eggs	Chicken pittas and salad pieces Rainbow cookies Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomatoes, Eggs	Cheese and marmite scones and salad Yogurt Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomato	Pizza swirls Vanilla sponge Gluten, Dairy, Eggs	Ham wraps Mango and pineapple Gluten, Mango, Pineapple

What have we been up to in Baby Room...



The babies have been practicing their walking this week, practitioners offer lots of opportunities to pull up and reach for favourite toys. The children use walkers and holding the hands of adults to practise walking.



At the beginning of the week the children explored some farms animals in a harvest/autumn tuff tray, at the end of the week the children were exploring farm animals using an inset board puzzle. The matched the pictures together and practitioners made the animal noises which the babies copied.



The babies explore shape, space and measure through building towers, practitioner narrate the children's play and introduce the language of size and shape as they build. They also introduce numbers by counting the blocks in the tower.

What have we been up to in Toddler Room...



The children have been engrossed in their small world play this week, these children make enclosures for their farm animals, with Jessie they talk about the type of enclosure each animal needs, the sound these animals make and the food they eat- Jessie narrates their play offering a language rich activity.



The children have made family trees this week with Matt, they spoke about their siblings, pets, aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents. The children stuck bits to their paper and made marks.



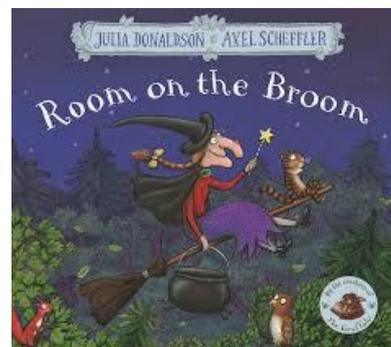
The older children have been encouraging the younger children to join in with 'Ring-A-Ring-A Roses', they all take hands and move rhythmically around the circle. The older children sing to the younger ones as they follow the instructions.

What have we been up to in the Pre-School Room...



This child is very organised and has decided that it is the right time to start making her Christmas cards!

She selected her own resources and got to work, she stuck her things to her paper and used her muscles to squeeze out the glitter glue.



Then children have been reading Room on the Broom this week, this led on from making potions! Matthew and the children acted out the story and spoke about Halloween coming up soon!

The story has rhyme and alliteration, and the children explored the illustrations with interest.



We have introduced knives for the children who want to use them, practitioners' model to the children how they are used and support hand over hand if necessary. The children speak about knife safety.

Meals times are a time to talk about the children's day and their favourite parts.



The children have taken their mark making outside, they practise 'writing' and make marks accordingly, given meaning to them as they do so.



The children have made a dinosaur world! They collected sand from the sandpit and a variety of twigs, sticks and leaves to add. They had some dinosaur footprint numbers which they showed an interest in, asking questions about the numerals. Some children knew which numerals they were as they were particularly important to them like their house numbers or age.

Activities for home...

Pea Squashing

Put some peas and baby oil mixed with water in a zip lock bag and let your little one try to squash the peas, this works on hand/eye coordination and fine motor abilities.

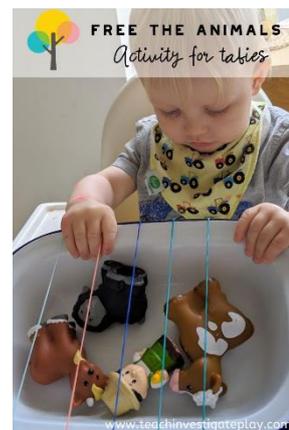


Sieve Play

Sieves are a great resource for learning, used in water or rice play or with straws and pipe cleaners for threading.

Free the Animals

Put some animals in a tub and wrap around some rubber bands. The children can try to remove the animals.



Pom Pom Drop

Stick a toilet roll tube to the wall and provide your baby with some pom poms or ping pong balls and allow them to explore.

Sticky Tape

Simply stick down some sticky tape and your little one will spend ages trying to pull it up, you could stick down animals also.

