



Monkey Puzzle Ware

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Dates for your diary

Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 15th December

Christmas Film Day

Wednesday 16th
December

Christmas Party (only children in on the day)

Thursday 17th December

Christmas Closure

21st December-28th
December inclusive

31st December

Inset Day (nursery closed)

Dear Parents,

As some of you may know Emma our pre-school lunch cover is leaving at the end of next week to pursue a career in a school, interviews via Zoom have begun to fill her position. We have decided that to find the perfect match for us we will need to have the shortlisted candidates in for a trial, these hopefully will be held next week with the new member of staff starting shortly after.

We are asking all toddlers parents if they could bring in a jar for their child to make something special for Christmas, please give your jars to the room staff, if you happen to have any spare they would appreciate them too!

The Christmas festivities will be starting soon, and you may notice that a few more dates for your diary have been added, unfortunately we are only able to have children in on the day for these events.

Thanks to the parents who have ensured that their children have welly boots for the garden and shoes for indoors, this is working well and prevented the children from getting wet feet when we did a fire drill this week.

We have some more children who will be starting forest school in January so we will be revising groups and days. Pre-school parents keep an eye out for an email about this next week.

Kind Regards,

The Management Team

What's for lunch?



| Week 4 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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 explored the slide this week inside, they climb up the steps with a little help if needed and manoeuvre their legs under them to slide down. As they go down practitioners will count or say 'ready, steady, go', practitioners then model sounds such as "weee" which the children copy.



The children have lots of opportunities to practise walking and cruising, we have a variety of walking toys such as trolleys and prams that the children love to push around. They are also encouraged to pull up and cruise around furniture when we place favourite toys on top of units.



The older children are beginning to become interested more in marks, they look for new ways to make marks and are starting to experiment with the way they hold writing tools. They are interested in the marks they make and will sometimes tell you what they have drawn.

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



All of the over 2's children attempted a 2-minute silence for remembrance day this week. They watched the last post on the tablet and spoke about why we celebrate remembrance day by wearing poppies. We also had the opportunity to make our own poppies.

If you want to teach your little ones more about remembrance day, here's a handy link to a CBeebies film-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04p4zsl>



We have added some different bits to our over 2's role play area to match the children's interests, they are enjoying the doctors kit as many children have recently visited for flu vaccines. We have also added some jewellery and handbags from the charity shop, the children love to explore these!

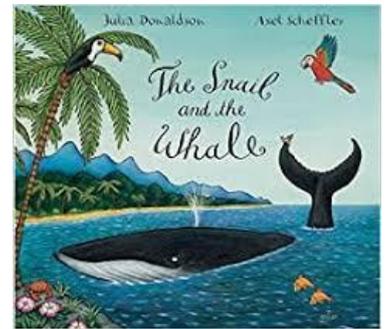


In the toddler room we are learning how to use cutlery, sometimes we need to use our hands and sometimes our food falls off our spoon, but we are learning. Knives are introduced in the toddler room, the children don't have to use them, but they are there if they want to try. We are also learning to drink from an open cup, we look forward to being able to offer the children the opportunity to serve their own food again soon.

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



The children made their own obstacle course this week, they collected the resources and positioned them to create a challenge. Practitioners used positional language as they children reached a certain area to promote understanding. When they had finished, practitioners helped them observe the effects of activity on their bodies.



The children have particularly enjoyed *The Snail and the Whale* this week, they have learned about helping friends through the book and have gone on to have conversations about being kind to animals too.

As with all the Julia Donaldson books the children know this story so well that we can discuss the story at length together.



The pre-schoolers love to read to one another, sometimes they make up the stories based on the illustrations and other times if the story is a very popular one, they can remember the main story settings. They know which way to hold the books and demonstrate that they know that print is read from left to right and top to bottom by moving their finger across the text as they read.



The pre-schoolers also made poppies, they were provided with the resources and some photos of poppies and got creative, the pre-school children understood a little more about remembrance day and why we remember, some could even recall their trip to lay the poppy they made last year.



This week on forest school the children have been learning about animal habitats, they searched for different habitats and spoke about what items they could find that would form a home for an animal. They found lots of twigs both little and large and suggested that they could make a nest for a bird. On the way home they looked in all of the trees to see if they could find any nests.

Activities for home...

WINTER WALKS!

Rainbow Colour Hunt

Have a hunt for all the different colours, stick them to your paper and count them when you're finished.

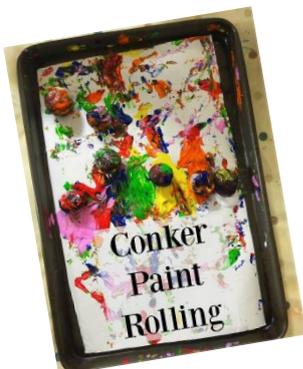


How many shades can you find?

Head to your local painting/decorating shop and pick up some colour samples, take them with you on a walk to see what shade the autumn leaves are.

Playdough faces

Take some playdough to the woods with you and create a face using found materials. Talk about the differences and similarities between your facial features and appearance.



Conker collecting

Head out with a carrier bag and collect lots of conkers, when we're home we can use them for painting or for rolling or throwing, use the language of size with me when describing the conkers, count how many we have collected.

Don't forget when we're going somewhere promote independence by encouraging me to get myself ready.

