



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,

You should of all by now received an email regarding both the inset days for 2021 and parents evening in January.

As a reminder the inset days are:

Thursday 1st April 2021

Tuesday 31st August 2021

We will be having Christmas jumper week this year instead of just for the day. We will still be accepting cash donations but would prefer if you could donate using the QR code which will be on display at the entrances.

Next week I will be going through lost property again and sending more pictures of any items we have so you can claim them. Anything we have left at the end of term will go to the charity shop.

We have been practising some Christmas songs with the over 2's for the last couple of weeks and have been trying to learn The Twelve Days of Christmas. Scroll to the end of the newsletter for the lyrics to this and some other Christmas songs we have been singing.

We are still not self-serving in the over 2's room for obvious reasons, self-serving is something the children will need to do when they go to school and is an important skill to learn. It would be great if they could practise this at home, hopefully we'll be able to start in the Spring when the virus is less prevalent.

Kind Regards,

The Management Team

What's for lunch?



Week 2	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	Breadsticks and dip Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Pitta bread and houmous Gluten,	Fruit selection	Fruit loaf and butter
Lunch	Fish cakes, Crispy potatoes and peas Chocolate Krispy Cake Gluten, Dairy	Chicken curry and rice Yogurt Dairy,	Chilli macaroni cheese Lemon cupcakes Gluten, Dairy	Tuna pasta Peaches and custard Gluten, Dairy	Spaghetti and meatballs Yogurt Gluten, Dairy
PM Snack	Fruit selection	Cheese and crackers Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Cheddar biscuits Dairy Gluten	Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy
Tea	Chicken pitta and salad Yoghurt Gluten, Dairy	Tuna parcels and salad Shortbread Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomatoes	Mixed sandwiches and salad Yogurt Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomatoes	Sausage rolls and salad Gingerbread Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomatoes	Ham and cheese wraps and salad Orange cookies Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomatoes

What have the babies been up to...



We have been working on our fine motor skills this week, it started by us pulling scarves from an old container and by the end of the week the older babies were threading pipe cleaners into sieves.

The practitioner demonstrated how to do so and offered help when the babies couldn't quite do it- encouraging them to hold the pipe cleaners closer to the point they were trying to thread.



WEEEEEE!

The slide is a great place to encourage sounds in play, this can also encourage the children to follow simple instructions such as 'ready, steady, go!' and the steps to climb are great to build physical development.



We have been making marks using twigs and branches in flour this week. The older children are beginning to make connection between their movements and the marks they make and the younger babies simply enjoyed the sensory experience of exploring the texture of the flour.

What have the toddlers been up to...



Some of the toddlers have been exploring weight using the balancing scales. This child is filling the buckets with objects and counting with a practitioner as he goes.

The older children are getting good at counting out their objects to practitioner- for example, "can you give me two?"



The children have made more Christmas decorations this week, they 'cut out' some stars and some chose to decorate them using paint and glitter.

The children are learning that they must use an apron if they are getting messy- it's one of our golden rules!



In the toddler room we are learning to negotiate our space, the children run, jump and move freely and sometimes need a bit of practise to avoid things in their way.

This child is practising her jumping, she tries to jump over the pole. The children in the toddler room are beginning to learn to jump with two feet off the ground.

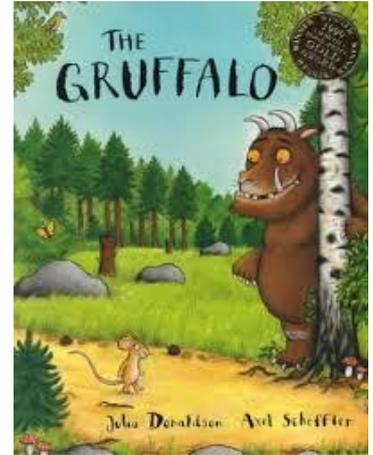
What have pre-school been up to...



The pre-school children have been creating their own necklaces this week.

They explore the shapes and create patterns when they thread them onto their string.

This child is very proud of his necklace, he wore it all day!



The children have been reading The Gruffalo a lot this week.

They know this story inside and out and so have been finishing most of the sentence in the book. They also have been acting this out in the garden and practising moving like the animals in the story.



The pre-schoolers have been learning all about looking after the environment.

They gloved up and collected litter from the nursery car park (Katie also made sure they wouldn't find anything untoward!). They spoke about what can happen to the animals if they come across litter and this led onto conversations about recycling.



During forest school (which happened at nursery this week) the children used scissors to cut some leaves from our bush. They used the leaves to see if they could create a letter from their name or just a picture or pattern.



The loose parts have been used as props in some shopkeeper role play this week.

We had a very polite shopkeeper who was selling all her items at a reasonable price! The children used language of money and spoke about change but mainly the children used their debit cards to pay!

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER
HAD A VERY SHINY NOSE
AND IF YOU EVER SAW IT
YOU WOULD EVEN SAY IT GLOWS

ALL OF THE OTHER REINDEER
USED TO LAUGH AND CALL HIM NAMES
THEY NEVER LET POOR RUDOLPH
JOIN IN ANY REINDEER GAMES

THEN ONE FOGGY CHRISTMAS EVE
SANTA CAME TO SAY
"RUDOLPH, WITH YOUR NOSE SO BRIGHT
WOULDN'T YOU GUIDE MY SLEIGH TONIGHT?"

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AS THEY SHOUTED OUT WITH GLEE
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WHEN SANTA GOT STUCK UP THE CHIMNEY
HE BEGAN TO SHOUT
YOU GIRLS AND BOYS, WON'T GET ANY TOYS
IF YOU DON'T PULL ME OUT
MY BEARD IS BLACK. THERE'S SOOT IN MY SACK
MY NOSE IS TICKLING TOO
WHEN SANTA GOT STUCK UP THE CHIMNEY
AITCHOO! AITCHOO! AITCHOO!

ON THE FIRST DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE SECOND DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE THIRD DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
THREE FRENCH HENS, TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE FOURTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE FIFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
FIVE GOLD RINGS, FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE SIXTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
SIX GEESSE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING, SIX GEESSE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE EIGHTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING, SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING
SIX GEESSE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS
NINE LADIES DANCING, EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING
SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING, SIX GEESSE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE TENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
TEN LORDS A LEAPING, NINE LADIES DANCING, EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING
SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING, SIX GEESSE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING, TEN LORDS A LEAPING
NINE LADIES DANCING, EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING
SEVEN SWANS A SWIMMING, SIX GEESSE A LAYING, FIVE GOLD RINGS
FOUR CALLING BIRDS, THREE FRENCH HENS
TWO TURTLE DOVES AND A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS MY TRUE LOVE GAVE TO ME
TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING, ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING
TEN LORDS A LEAPING, NINE LADIES DANCING, EIGHT MAIDS A MILKING
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