



Monkey Puzzle Ware

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 1st April

Inset day (nursery closed)

Tuesday 31st August

Inset day (nursery closed)

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to all of our families!

Not quite the start to the year we were all hoping for but with the vaccine being rolled out across the country the summertime is looking brighter.

There have been a few emails sent out this week which I'm hoping you all have seen; the first was an updated risk assessment to try to go some way in reassuring you that the safety of the children and staff is still paramount. For this reason, we are asking that parent's wear face coverings when dropping off and collecting their children, we are also asking that you ensure you are following social distancing guidelines.

You should also have received an email detailing our fee increase from April 2021, if you have not received this please do let me know and I will resend.

From Monday Matthew will be moving up to the baby room and Mel will move to the Over 2's, all key children's parents have already received an email.

Lauren has asked if baby room parents would please send in an email with a picture of the babies with their pet if they have one for a display, Katie has also asked for family pictures for her over 2's children for the same reason.

Kind Regards,

The Management Team

What's for lunch?



Week 3	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	Scotch pancakes Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Breadsticks and dip Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Fruit loaf Gluten
Lunch	Sausages, potato wedges and spaghetti hoops Orange sponge Gluten	Haddock and pesto pasta bake Fruit salad Gluten	Lamb curry and rice Yoghurt Dairy, Sesame	Fajita chicken and cous cous Chocolate brownies Gluten, Raw tomatoes, Egg, Dairy	Chilli Con Carne Angel delight Gluten, Dairy
PM Snack	Fruit selection	Hovis biscuits and cheese Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Croissants Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection
Tea	Cheese pittas and salad Yogurt Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomato	Mini hotdogs and salad pieces Oat cookies Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomatoes	Ham wraps And salad lemon shortbread Gluten	Mixed sandwiches Yogurt Dairy	Cheesy muffins Flapjack Gluten, Dairy

What have the babies been up to...



This week we have been working on our self-care skills, the children have been showing us how they can independently drink from an open cup. If your child is in the first stages of this we recommend the Doidy cups.



This child holds her paintbrush using the whole hand grasp and makes marks on the paper. She concentrates intently on this activity for a short time. The practitioner narrates her actions and introduces her to new vocabulary.



This child also holds her chalk using the whole hand grasp, at this age the children may be beginning to show preference for a dominant hand. Practitioners can suggest using different hands to see which is most comfortable for the child.

What have the toddlers been up to...



The children have been sewing this week, this child uses scissors to cut her wool. Practitioners are on hand to thread the wool through the eye of the needle and to demonstrate for children who aren't familiar.

Some children like to use the string for other purposes such as creative craft.



We have introduced some larger loose parts inside this week, the children are enjoying using them on their hands for their role play game.

We are always looking for loose parts should you have any at home, if you have any corks, large pebbles, cardboard tubes or really any loose parts we would love them!



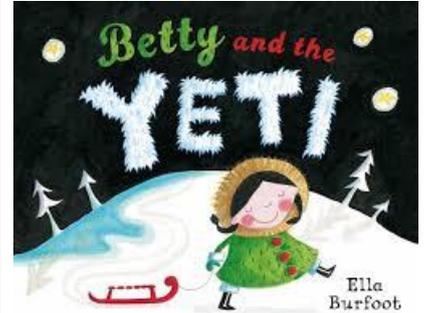
The children have been threading to make necklaces this week, they concentrate intently on this activity, carefully threading the shoelaces through the large hole on the beads and the pasta.

Threading is a great way to focus on fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination, it's much more fun when you're threading for a purpose such as making a necklace.

What have pre-school been up to...



The children played a memory game on forest school this week, they each collected an object from the list and lines them up on a log, the children had to face away while one object was removed and they had to figure out which object it was.



The children have been reading Betty and the Yetti this week, the story is based around a girl who is initially scared of the yeti but the yeti ends up being very friendly.

The moral of the story is to not judge a book by its cover.



This child creates a train to use in their imaginative play, they put all of the bears into carriages.

This started some conversation about public transport and who has been on a train or a bus. This also was an opportunity to talk about the language of size- in this case, long!



The children have been getting creative this week also, they have used brushes and their hands to create masterpieces which they were proud to show their grown-ups and friends.



The pre-school children have also been sewing this week, they need less help to thread the thread into the needle and use smaller needles depending on ability. They also have the option to use some aida fabric for their threading and they often create pictures or patterns using the thread.



