

# Monkey Puzzle Ware

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## Dates for your diary

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

Valentine's Party

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Inset day (nursery closed)

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August

Inset day (nursery closed)

Dear Parents,

We still need family photos for the over 2's to fill up our display, family photos are a great way to develop the children's understanding of the world and communities. It's also great for them to be able to show their friends and talk about their family life. If you're yet to send in a family photo, please email the office.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to Hertford, they were incredibly grateful to pass these items onto their families in need.

It is with massive sadness that I announce that Katie our over 2's room leader and third-in-charge will be leaving us; she has been offered a wonderful position as a deputy manager in another setting! A hug congratulations to Katie, due to pre-booked holiday her last day with us will be Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Lauren will be assuming the third-in-charge responsibility and becoming a member of the management team, she been a great asset to our baby room and will be a great asset to our management team too. Demi will become the over 2's room leader- initially on a temporary basis but we're hopeful that this will become more permanent. Demi has previously been a room leader of a baby room in Hertford but took a little break when she had her two children. Congratulations to both of the ladies on their new positions!

I have decided that we need more fun in our lives so we will be having a Valentine's party at nursery on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, we ask you to dress your children in pink and red and we will have some fun activities and a party tea! Unfortunately, we are only able to do this for the children in on the day.

The school leaver children will be starting their woodwork sessions next week now all of their resources have arrived. I did send out some information about this along with the risk assessment before Christmas but if you would like to know more please email or call the office.

Kind Regards,

The Management Team

# What's for lunch?



Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Breakfast</b>	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
<b>AM Snack</b>	Breadsticks and dip Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Pitta bread and houmous Gluten	Fruit selection	Fruit loaf and butter
<b>Lunch</b>	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
<b>PM Snack</b>	Fruit selection	Cheese and crackers Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Cheddar biscuits Dairy, Gluten	Fruit selection Gluten, Dairy
<b>Tea</b>	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...



The babies have been exploring paint this week, they were provided lots of tools and resources and left to create their own masterpieces. Practitioners narrated the children's play throughout offering an activity rich in language and vocabulary.



More towers this week but this time we have been stacking the nesting baskets. Lots of language of size and introduction to numbers as we count the items in the tower. Children mimic "uh oh" as the towers fall over.



The children got to explore so snow at the beginning of the week, this child uses her finger to make some marks.

It helped us to understand some simple concepts such as hot and cold and we had lots of conversations about the weather and wrapping up warm.

## What have the toddlers been up to...



We had some boxes from a recent delivery this week, the children decided to paint them to create a cave for their small world animals.

They worked collaboratively until the whole boxes was painted, they then waited patiently for it to dry before adding it to the play.

We also found some animal print material which the children used to create themselves tails!



We recently had a little move around to create an even bigger role play area, the children found the move refreshing and have loved exploring.

This child is cooking in the microwave, the role play area is a great way for children to make sense of their experiences through acting them out.



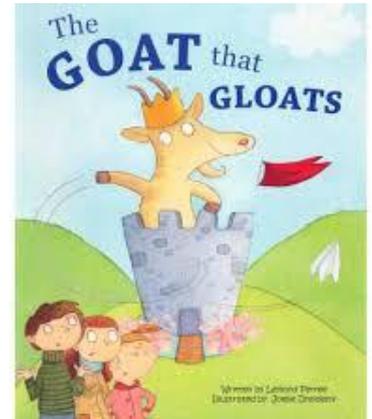
The children have been gluing to create fins for fish this week, they have been reading 'The Rainbow Fish' story a lot so we provided some sequins, glue and card to provoke some crafting in relation to the story.

The children used their fine motor skills to carefully pick up and place the sequins where they wanted them.

# What have pre-school been up to...



The children went on a colour hunt this week on forest school, they were given a colour each and had to head off in search of some natural objects of the same colour. Some children had some tricky colours for the winter months, so the children banded together to help find these.



This story has been a favourite this week, the children have explored gloating and how that makes our friends feel.

It has also prompted some discussion on the noise that goats make, it has been quite funny listening to the children practise the noises!



This child found some colourful pipe cleaners which she thought looked like giraffe markings, so she set to making a giraffe picture.

She carefully cut the pipe cleaners into smaller pieces to fit in with her design. Practitioners were on hand if she needed some help to cut through them. They spoke about giraffe habitat



The pre-school children's role play has been focused on babies this week. They named their doll Rosie and have been taking very good care of her!



Fun in the snow on forest school in the beginning of the week, the children spoke about how to keep safe in the snow and when walking on the pavement.

When they reached their destination, the practitioners asked them what they would like to do on this forest school session and as expected the answer was to make a snowman. The children worked together to make a snowman and his dog!