

Monkey Puzzle Ware

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Dates for your diary

Thursday 4th March

World Book Day

Thursday 1st April

Inset day (nursery closed)

Tuesday 31st August

Inset day (nursery closed)

Dear Parents,

Can we remind parents that breakfast finishes at 8.30am so the children need to be in and sitting down for breakfast before then. When they are late it has a knock-on effect for the start of the day.

If your child is due to receive funding in April please make sure you speak with Amy in the office to ensure we are aware of your entitlement. Forms will go out closer to the end of term.

Amy, Lucy, Lauren and Demi will be busy at the weekend making some improvements to the baby garden and the over 2's rooms. Keep a look out for the photos.

From the beginning of March, we will be introducing a second group for forest school, the only difference will be that this group will stay on site and will be made up of pre-school and older toddler children. This is going to be held around by the buggy shed and we are looking into getting a fire pit for this group, more information to follow soon.

If you took any lost property home this week that you ended up realising didn't belong to you, please do bring it back to nursery as some families did claim some things that had already been claimed. We also have a little girl in our over 2's room who is missing a grey pair of leggings.

We say a sad goodbye to Katie today, as she's off to her new job in the coming weeks. We wish her the best of luck in her new role!

Kind Regards,

The Management Team

What's for lunch?



Week 1	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	Hovis biscuits and cheese Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Malt loaf Gluten, Dairy	Fruit selection	Bagels with jam or marmite Gluten, Dairy
Lunch	Spaghetti bolognese Yoghurt Gluten, Dairy	Lamb Tagine and cous cous Fruit Salad Gluten,	Jamaican fish curry and rice Pineapple Cake Pineapple, Gluten, Dairy	Homemade pizza and salad Yogurt Dairy, Gluten, Raw tomato	Cheesy vegetable pasta bake Carrot cake Gluten, Dairy
PM Snack	Fruit selection	Bread sticks & Humous Gluten	Fruit selection	Rice cakes with cheese spread Dairy	Fruit selection
Tea	Ham wraps and salad Banana cake Gluten, Dairy, Raw tomato	Sausage rolls and salad Yogurt Dairy, gluten	Mixed sandwiches and salad Watermelon fingers Gluten, Dairy, Raw Tomato	Tuna and mayonnaise bagels Chocolate and Banana cookies Gluten, Dairy, Egg	Chicken pittas and salad Yogurt Gluten, Dairy

What have the babies been up to...



This child explores the trains on top of the cooker, trains and cars are an excellent start to small-world play. Shape, space, and measure development is also touched upon as the children problem solve to get the track put together. Practitioners model language such as "choo choo" and the children babble back.



The babies have been showing affection for their dolls this week, this child mimics what she's seen and wraps her doll in a blanket and pats her to sleep. A practitioner tells her her baby is sad so she gives it a cuddle.



AQ box has been the main attraction in the baby room this week, it's been a pirate ship, a den and the source of some mark-making.

The children have been practising crawling and climbing in and out and learning to take turns with each other to go in.

What have the toddlers been up to...



The children enjoyed pancake day at the nursery this week, they were all really excited and began chanting "pancakes" at the snack table!

They watch as Lucy cooked and flipped, and this was then mimicked in their imaginative play throughout the week.



Some sticking with the toddlers this week, this child uses her fine motor skills to pick up sequins with a pincher movement. The toddlers aren't sure on which hand is their dominant hand yet, so practitioners encourage them to use both until they find which is more comfortable. She sticks her sequins down to make a flower.

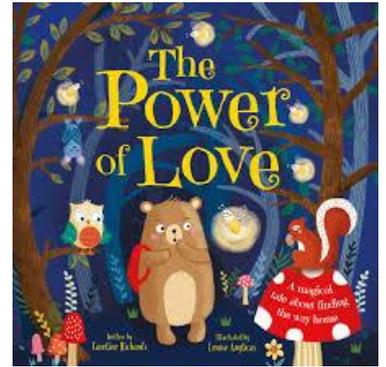


Gross motor skills were practised this week too, this child uses the pedal walker to move through the garden. The children need to co-ordinate their leg movements to make it work, practitioners' model and the children have a try.

What have pre-school been up to...



The children are really interested in puzzles at the moment, this is great for maths development. This child completes an animal puzzle where she must match the top and bottom of the animals together correctly, a bit of an easy one for her stage but this prompted so much discussion about animal habitats and the activity became rich in vocabulary.



The children have been reading 'The Power of Love' this week, courtesy of Matt Matt!

The bear gets lost in the woods and the animal's band together to help him find his home.

The children learned about being kind to one another and helping each other when we need it.



The children saw us all writing in a card for Katie and decided they wanted to make one themselves, mark-making is so much more interesting to children when it is for a purpose such as cards, invites, shopping lists etc.

Practitioners support the children to write what they want but don't force them, instead they scribe for them. If writing becomes too difficult the children will lose interest.



The children 'made' pancakes this week, they explored all of the ingredients and practised cracking some eggs! They spoke together about how best to make their pancakes and looked at a recipe.



The children have been rain painting in the garden, they mix paint with water to create the perfect consistency and get to work creating pictures.

This was great for mark-making and colour mixing to create different colours. It also allowed the children to explore different effects and consistencies.

