



# Monkey Puzzle Ware

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## Dates for your diary

### Christmas Closure

Close at 4pm on Christmas Eve, first day back is 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Reception place application deadline

### Inset Days 2022

14<sup>th</sup> February

1<sup>st</sup> June

Dear Parents,

Thanks again for your patience the last couple of weeks, it's been difficult navigating the many ratio/qualification requirements we have while so many of staff were off ill/isolating. Thankfully the final staff member off is back tomorrow so next week the regular activities such as outings will resume!

We would love it if all of our families would kindly review us on Google, at the moment we only have two. We always get such lovely comments on local Facebook groups when people ask for recommendations, it would be great is prospective families could see these on Google too.

We are busy planning our Halloween and Christmas Parties, the Halloween party will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October and will only be open to children in on the day however we encourage any children who want to dress up that week to do so- the nursery will be decorated all week and we will have spooky activities available should the children wish to participate.

We will have the Christmas movie day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and both Christmas dinner and the party will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December. The party and dinner will only be available for children in on that day, the party will be from 2pm until 4pm (when we close) and we will provide a party tea during that time.

Kind regards,

The Management Team

# What's for lunch?



Week 4	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>	Malt loaf Gluten	Fruit	scotch pancakes Gluten	Fruit	Rice cakes + marmite
<b>Lunch</b>	Haddock fingers, new potatoes + spaghetti hoops  Yoghurt  Gluten, Dairy	Hidden Veg Mac and Cheese  Vanilla Sponge  Gluten, Dairy	Lamb curry + Rice  Berry Medley  Gluten, Dairy	Spanish chicken + cous cous  Natural yoghurt and fruit puree Gluten, Dairy	Tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake  Fruit Salad  Gluten, Dairy
<b>PM Snack</b>	Fruit	Bread sticks and dip Gluten	Fruit	Tzatziki and pitta bread Gluten, Dairy	Fruit
<b>Tea</b>	Coronation chicken wraps and salad pieces  Banana choc chip cookies Gluten, Dairy	Boiled egg + soldiers  Fruit salad Gluten, Dairy	Veggie hot dogs + salad  Yoghurt Gluten, Dairy	Wholemeal cheese rolls with apple slices  Flap jack Gluten, Dairy	Mixed sandwiches and salad  Yoghurt Gluten, Dairy

# What have the babies been up to this week...

Next weeks' word is...

ROUND



The babies have been exploring textures in a tuff tray this week, the children used utensils to squash the rice pops and practitioners narrated play, introducing the children to words such as crunchy.



The babies have been painting using the vehicles this week, they dip the wheels into the paint and make some track marks. They explore the different marks that different vehicles make and enjoy the sensory experience of the paint.



The children enjoyed the rain this week as the tuff tray filled with water. The children loved splashing in the puddles!

# What have the over 2's been up to...



This child concentrates on connecting his train track pieces, practitioners encourage him to persevere when he is ready to give up and offer suggestions on how to make the pieces fit together. He's very proud of himself when the pieces connect.



This child is cutting some food for the animals, she understands that we must be safe when using knives. It's important for children to be able to do these things independently without interference from adults, this develops confidence to try something new.



The children have been using the loose parts with the playdough this week, they rolled and flattened their playdough and some children used some sticks to create hedgehogs.

Playdough strengthens hand and wrist muscles which is great for developing the muscles needed for holding mark-making tools.



CHEEEEESE!



The children have been loving the giant inflatable ball this week, as it's so large it's much easier to catch and great to develop hand/eye coordination and gross motor movements.



After attending a wedding this child has been making everyone cake in the sandpit.

She scoops and pats the sand down and uses a spade to 'cut the cake'.

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Our favourite song this week has been...

Hop Little Bunnies

Our favourite story this week has been...



# Our Golden Rules

We listen to each other and our grown ups

We tidy up after ourselves when we finish playing

We keep our indoor toys indoors and our outdoor toys outdoors

We have a go ourselves before asking for help

We use our indoor feet and voices when playing indoors

We wear aprons when we are getting messy or playing in the water

We wear appropriate clothes for the weather when we play outside

We follow good safety practices

We are kind and gentle with each other

We look after our toys