

Monkey Puzzle Ware

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Dates for your diary

Inset Days 2022

14th February

1st June

World Book Day

3rd March 2022

Dear Parents,

Please don't forget that we have an inset day on Monday 14th February, for some this will be the first day of half term. The nursery will be closed to all children, but staff will be here for training. Our term time only children will return on Monday 21st February, if you would like to book any sessions during half term, please do email the office.

Gemma, our new lunch cover support for the over 2's room will be starting next week. She will be replacing Jenny whose last day will be Friday 11th February- look out for her photo on the 'team' page.

We are collecting glass jars in our over 2's room, if you have any at home, instead of popping them in the recycling please send them in to us!

Please can we ask parents to spend some time to label their children's nursery clothes please, when returning from the garden it is often easier to get the children inside and then come back to sort out the pegs and it is becoming increasingly difficult with everyone owning the same items- thank you!

Please scroll to the end of the newsletter for some information on focus weeks, particularly the information we ask you for.

Considering the few positive cases in children in our baby room we ask that you please test your children regularly, all of the children that have tested positive have not had any main symptoms just cold like symptoms.

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	Cheesy biscuits Gluten, Dairy	Pitta and houmous Sesame, Gluten	Croissant Gluten, Dairy	Rice cakes with cheese spread Dairy	Malt loaf Gluten
Lunch	Spaghetti bolognaise Yogurt Gluten, Dairy	Pizza and garlic bread Fruit salad Gluten, Dairy	Tuna and sweetcorn pasta bake Shortbread Gluten, Dairy	Hidden veg mac and cheese Pears and custard Gluten, Dairy	Lamb tagine with cous cous Yogurt Gluten, Dairy
PM Snack	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit	Fruit
Tea	Egg and ham pittas with salad Chocolate sponge Gluten, Dairy	Chicken sausage rolls with salad Yogurt Gluten, Dairy	Mixed sandwiches with salad Melon fingers Gluten, Dairy	Chicken wraps with salad Honey and oat cookies Gluten, Dairy	Hotdogs with salad Carrot cake Gluten, Dairy

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

Next weeks' word is...

SHOPPING



We have loved getting messy in the baby room this week, we have explored cornflour gloop! The babies explored the texture and scooped using spoons and utensils.



The babies have been painting and mark making this week using paint pens, this child holds her pen using the whole hand grasp, she explores different movement to create different effects. She dabs to make dots and swirls to draw circles.



It was Amanda's birthday this week so the babies made her a card, they painted their hand and dabbed them onto the card, we also celebrated one of the children's birthdays this week and sang Happy Birthday and blew out some candles.

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



Our younger boys are very interested in building at the moment and are beginning to build for a purpose such as making enclosures for animals. This week we have even built a bridge to get over a river using the large hollow blocks.



Some rhythmic gymnastics this week from our over 2's, this child moves gracefully twirling her ribbon and moving over obstacles.



The children have been learning about the emergency services, this sparked from an interest in the 'Emergency' book. The children dress up as various emergency service personnel and putting out fires or arresting 'baddies'.



"TAKE MY PICTURE!"



We had a little rejiggle of our role-play room this week to make it more accessible to the children, this has sparked their interest as intended and they have loved dressing up. We have a few children interested in ballet at the moment so will be adding some more interest-based role play next week.



Lots of cooking in the mud kitchen this week, the children are particularly interested in making cakes- possibly because we made cakes at nursery a few weeks back. Practitioners model language and we speak about food hygiene and being safe in the kitchen.

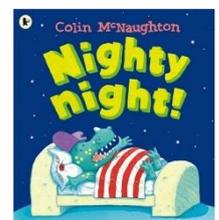
Next weeks' word is...

CASHIER

Our favourite song this week has been...

OLD MCDONALD HAD A FARM

Our favourite story this week has been...



Focus Week Information

As you know, every time your child is our focus child, we contact you to obtain some information to help us get the most for your child's focus week. We would like to help you to help us to ultimately help your child so below are some things which would be helpful to share with us...

Upcoming or past events in your child's life, family birthdays, weddings or festivals celebrated at home and how you celebrate these. This is important as we are able to help your child understand the upcoming events to relieve any anxieties they may have or if the event has already passed, we may provide some role-play experiences so your child can make sense of the experiences they have had.

Trips! Whether this be holidays, day trips to the farm or aquarium or even a trip to the doctors, dentist, or vet. Again, as with events we are able to help your child understand what might happen at these places and gives us an opportunity to learn more about people who help us or about places/animals. It is likely that if your child has visited these places recently, they are interested in them, and we can focus some activities around them to encourage learning in other areas.

Interests- these can be as small as being obsessed with pushing the buttons of the washing machine or being fascinated by zips and poppers. We can work with anything and if your child has a seemingly random interest this can be a schema (a pattern of behaviour which is interesting to your child). The more obscure the better, the children love doing research to learn about new topics.

Photos! These can be of places or people and can be from as far back as you like as long as the photos are relevant for your child. They could be of the child holding up a model or a picture they have drawn or of your child doing an activity. If your child is a little older, we would love if you could let them take some of their own photos over the weekend to send to us, this will really give us an insight into what's important to them!



Some examples of photos that the children have taken themselves (love a selfie!)