



## October 2019 Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

- October - **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Photographer in Nursery**  
December - **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Fayre**  
December - **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Last nursery day before Christmas - Nursery closes 6pm**  
December - **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party Day**  
January - **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - First day back after Christmas - Nursery opens 8am**

### Interests and Activities in Nursery

#### Roos

The children have been enjoying exploring the room and the new toys, in particular the books and the carpeted steps and slope frame, and singing songs. We will extend this interest by introducing cars and balls on the frame so the children can roll these down the slope and see how fast they roll down. We will also be singing animal action songs with puppets and picture books. These activities will encourage children to socialise with the team and other children as well as encouraging their language development.

**Parent participation** - Please can you provide some family photos as the room will be making a display for the children of people who are important to them.

#### Piglets

These past few weeks the children have been showing a particular interest in music and musical instruments. They have also been enjoying sensory activities and showing us how clever they are with their climbing. We have been providing the children with a range of new sensory bottles, which have different contents for the children to listen to and watch as they are shaken. Whilst in the garden the children have been climbing on the climbing frame and wooden trains and using the slides and bikes. To extend the children's interests further we will be providing a range of different music for the children to listen to, as well as providing different instruments so that they can explore sounds. We will also be taking the children out for a walk around the local area to collect sticks and leaves for autumn inspired sensory play. These activities will encourage the children's physical development, in particular their gross motor skills.

**Parent participation** - Any sensory donations are welcomed, for example, bubble wrap, tissue paper or wool.

#### Tiggers

The children in Tiggers have been enjoying a range of sensory activities from shaving foam to cornflour, dry cereals, hundreds and thousands, water, sand and shredded paper. These have been used to make farm yards, an ice cream parlour, and even a beach and sea side theme. We will be extending these interests and adding activities such as tea bag staining and providing different textures to explore e.g. sandpaper and bubble wrap. These activities will provide opportunities for the children to experience different textures, building on their vocabulary as they talk about the differences.

**Parent participation** – While playing at home, or on walks, discuss with your child the different textures that they can find and see. If you have any materials or items which are textured that you do not need any more please send them in for the children to explore, for example bubble wrap and sand paper.

### Christopher Robins

The children are enjoying role-playing face painting and make up, telling us all about the colours they are using. Show and tell time during the day is very popular, with the children taking turns to share information with their friends about their toys, objects and experiences. We will be providing opportunities for the children to use real face paints or use masks to decorate instead. This will provide opportunities for the children to explore the different patterns and shapes that they can make. We will also be looking at animals and the different patterns they have, for example, tigers with their strips, and lady birds with their spots.

**Parent participation** – If you know anyone in the beauty industry who has any 'make-up' heads to donate, or old make up brushes that the children can use, please bring them in. Ask your child if they would like to take anything in or talk about anything for show and tell.

### Nursery News

#### Photographer

The photographer is in nursery on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October between 9:30am to 2:30pm. If your child does not attend nursery on a Tuesday and would like your child to have their photograph taken please make an appointment in the office.

#### Wellington Boots

As the weather is changing, the children will still be accessing the outside area and we would like to build up a collection of Wellington Boots in nursery for the children to wear. Any donations of Wellington boots that your child no longer wears would be gratefully received, thank you.

#### Children's Clothes

Please name all your child's clothes, coats and shoes. As I am sure you are aware we have many children in the nursery and you can help us enormously if you name all of your child's belongings. The staff are having many issues making sure that the children all have their correct clothing shoes and coats, therefore, if your child's belongings are not named we will put their initials on them in permanent ink to help in this area.

### Christmas Fayre - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Don't forget our Fayre this year is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 11am to 1pm. We already have a few stalls booked including Usborne Books, Cross-stitch and Henna. If you know anyone who would like to have a stall or would like to help on the day please speak to either Becky or Jasmin. Also any donations you would like to make towards our raffle or tombola would be gratefully received, thank you.

## Staff Profile

### Cara Moller



Hello, I am Cara Moller and am based in the Piglet Room. I am currently studying for my Level 3 in childcare. Childcare have been a passion of mine since having my own three children. I have worked in childcare for over a year now and love it, I can't wait to progress further. Before I went into childcare, I was a retail supervisor for a high street clothes shop.