



January 2021 Newsletter

Interests and Activities in Nursery

Happy New Year

Welcome back everyone and A Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and we wish you all the best for 2021.

COVID:19

We are now in another national lockdown although the difference this time to the first one in March 2020 is that the nursery is staying open to all children.

I know that some of you are reducing the time that your child attends nursery, not bringing your child into nursery or are wanting to increase the sessions that they attend. We are working our way through all of these requests, please bear with us we will contact you with regard to these requests as soon as we can.

It is imperative that you inform us if your child will be attending nursery or not either for an extended period of time or on a daily basis as a one off, as we have to ensure that the correct number of staff are in nursery to look after the children, as well as ensuring we have ordered the correct number of meals and not have too much waste. Thank you for your co-operation in this area

We are also wading our way through all the new guidance and will update you as soon as we can if there are any changes to our procedures, processes and risk assessments.

Roos

The children are showing an increased interest in the toy ducks in the room. This interest will be extended by encouraging the children to join in with water play with ducks and other pond life, duck and animal nursery rhymes and reading animal stories to the children. These activities will enable the children to enjoy a range of familiar songs and stories and to explore a range of different media.

Parent participation – You could continue with the duck theme at home with your child by putting ducks in the bath and visiting a duck pond.

Piglets

The children are enjoying building towers with the soft play blocks, we will extend this interest by introducing a variety of different construction equipment to make towers with. The children will also have an opportunity to print using blocks and paint. These activities will encourage the children to begin to balance blocks to build small towers.

Parent participation – Make towers with your child at home using items such as pillows, cushions, tins of food and any other constructions toys you have.

Tiggers

The children have come into nursery talking about what they have been doing over the Christmas holiday and are also enjoying the musical instruments. To extend these interests we will encourage the children to talk about and share their experiences with the other children at register time, to make their own musical instruments and join in musical and dancing games such as musical bumps, the farmers in his den etc. These activities will encourage the children to construct with a purpose in mind and to show an interest in the way musical instruments sound.

Parent participation – Please upload photos from your Christmas holiday onto Tapestry so we can talk to your children about their experiences, thank you.

Christopher Robins

The children have come back to nursery excited to tell everyone about Christmas and the time they spent with their families. They are showing an interest in sensory activities and in particular the playdough. This interest will be extended by making playdough with the children which they will then decorate with different objects and create models with sticks, leaves, stones etc.

Parent participation – Here is a recipe for making playdough at home for you and your child to explore. Please upload any photos you take onto Tapestry, thank you.

Uncooked playdough

Ingredients

- 4 cups of flour
- 1 cup of salt
- 1 cup of water
- Few drops of food colouring

Method

1. Mix together the flour and the salt.
2. Mix together 1 cup of warm water with a few drops of food colouring.
3. Slowly pour the water into the flour mixture, stirring as you pour.
4. Stir until combined, then knead with your hands until the flour is completely absorbed.

Raffle, Lucky Dip and Gifts

A massive Thank You to all those who supported the Christmas Raffle and Lucky Dip. We raised an amazing £332.00 which will be spent on equipment for the children, Also thank you all so much for the wonderful Christmas cards and gifts that you kindly gave us.

Staffing

We have a few staffing changes that I would like to tell you about. Cara will be moving from a part-time member of staff in Roos to one of our Flexi-Support team and Chloe will be leaving us on Friday 15th January 2021 for pastures new, we wish her all the best for the future.