



## February 2021 Newsletter

### Interests and Activities in Nursery

#### Roos

The children in Roos are showing an interest in cars and trains. We are extending this interest by providing a variety of different sized vehicles and building different roads and tracks for the vehicles to go on. The children will also have an opportunity to join in with a car wash and painting with cars. These activities will encourage the children to observe what vehicles do and to explore a range of different media.

**Parent participation** – Talk with your child about the different vehicles you see while out for a walk or going past your house etc.

#### Piglets

The children in Piglets are noticing and naming different colours in the environment. This interest will be encouraged by using a variety of coloured paints, pencils and material for art and craft activities, providing different coloured shape activities and colourful fruit and vegetable exploration. These activities will encourage the children to begin to recognise and name different colours and shapes in the environment.

**Parent participation** – Talk about the colours of objects and shapes in the environment, when you go out for a walk, or to the shop and within the home.

#### Tiggers

The children are really enjoying making different models with playdough and in particular making pizzas. This interest will be extended by encouraging the children to make paper plate pizzas to use in the role-play area with shopping lists etc. They will also have an opportunity to make a pizza to eat. These activities encourage the children to engage in imaginative role-play based on own first hand experiences and to use available resources to create props to support role-play.

**Parent participation** – Make some playdough with your child to make your own pizzas and other foods to pretend to eat. Last month there was a recipe for uncooked dough, here is a recipe for cooked dough for you to make at home.

### Cooked playdough

#### Ingredients

- 4 cups of flour
- 2 cups of salt
- 4 teaspoons of cream of tarter
- 4 cups of water
- Few drops of food colouring

#### Method

1. Combine all the ingredients into a saucepan over a medium heat.
2. Stir constantly until the dough starts to separate from the side of the saucepan.
3. Remove from the heat and pour dough onto greaseproof paper.
4. When cool knead the dough and play

#### Christopher Robins

The children are interested in a variety of sensory toys and equipment that they have been exploring. This interest will be extended by introducing the light box and equipment and a feely box for the children to investigate and explore while also encouraging them to use language related to texture. These activities will encourage the children to begin to be interested in and describe the texture of objects and to build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences.

**Parent participation** – Encourage your child to feel and talk about the textures of a variety of objects for example scratchy, soft, rough, smooth etc.

COVID:19

Thank you again for all your support and understanding through this difficult time and with the new procedures that are now in place.

In addition to the procedures that I have already informed you about we now have a couple of extra important procedures that I would like to tell you about.

1. All staff are being tested at least once a week through the college
2. The college have purchase a disinfection fogging machine and the nursery will be 'fogged' three times a week

All of these new procedures will continue to ensure that the nursery is keeping our staff, your children and you as safe as we possibly can.