

We are exploring newsletter January 2018.



Welcome after the Christmas break the children have all settled back well into the nursery routine. We have noticed that over the break some of the children seem to have grown extra tall !!

Thank you for all our lovely gifts they were very much appreciated.

Dates for your diary :

INSET DAY :- Monday 26th March 2018 - Nursery will be closed for training .

Mid Term Holiday :- 12th Feb - 16th Feb 2018 , Nursery will re-open on the 19th February 2018.

Parent Catch Up's :- If you have been unable to book a time to see your child's key carer then please don't hesitate to ask for a time for you to be able to speak to them . This will only take up to 15 minutes, it is just an opportunity for you to see how your child is progressing and to celebrate their achievements. You will also be able to take home their 'Learning story" to share with your family all the lovely things your child has created and explored.

Pass and Move :- The lovely Brad is coming each Wednesday afternoon to take the children into the meadow , for imaginary games incorporating balls , cones etc . The children really enjoy this fun time with him and the experience enhances their development in listening, agility and confidence to name but a few . This terms invoice for £.6.25 is attached for those of you whose children attend on a Wednesday as sadly we are no longer able to pay for this due to lack of government funding. Thank you.

In the moment learning:- After playing a rocket game with the children they have become fascinated by experiences to do with rockets , space , planets and astronauts . We have discovered with the children why astronauts wear space suits, facts about zero gravity and interesting data about the planets. Some of the children have created planets by using paper mache' too. Once dry these will then be painted by the children and suspended from the ceiling. We will use factual books to look at pictures of planets so they can decide how to paint the planets. The children have also created a space rocket from junk modelling and have created space helmets from our jumbo construction waffle shapes. This has raised their awareness of the world in which they live, developed their vocabulary when hearing and saying unfamiliar words such as planet, gravity, astronaut etc . They have also developed their problem solving skills whilst creating their models too. Next the children have decided to create a space rocket to play in after they listened to a story called 'What ever next "about a bear who goes to the moon in his box rocket.

Hopefully once completed the children will have some fantastic imaginary journeys to the moon themselves!

The children have also been noticing the difference in the weather and how this makes them feel when they have been exploring outside, especially when exploring in the woods for Forest School on a Monday morning with Luke. Where we have been thinking about woodland creatures at this time of the year, how they keep warm, where they live and what they have to eat. The children have also noticed that some of the flower bulbs in the garden are beginning to shoot, this has led to conversations with regard to the life cycle of a flower and the seasons throughout the year.

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