



# August Newsletter

## Pre-School Room

The children in preschool have had a busy month learning about Summer. They have learnt about summer fruits and used them to make fruit kebabs and talked about healthy eating. They have had fun painting with lemons and making citrus tea in the tuff tray which supports their mathematical development by using quantitative language.

They have made perfume using summer flowers and developed their creative skills by taking part in some still life painting of sunflowers.

They enjoyed making their own ice-cream and tasting it. They have also enjoyed painting pictures using puffy paint to represent ice cream.

## Toddler Room

The Toddlers have also been learning about Summer. They have had lots of sensory play in the tuff tray taking part in an ice cream factory. They enjoyed adding sprinkles and whipped cream to the cones.

We have supported the development of our fine motor skills through threading with coloured pasta which we really enjoyed. We have also enjoyed role play in our ice cream parlour pretending to make and serve ice creams. We have used our creative skills painting pictures of ice creams and sunshine.

We have also had lots of fun outside.

## Baby Room

This month the babies have been learning about mini beasts. They have explored the sensory edible mud tray which included spaghetti worms. They enjoyed playing in the swamp water tray using jugs to pour and fill which supports their physical development.

They have also enjoyed looking at the books "That's not my bee" and "The hungry caterpillar" which supports language development.

We have had lots of fun playing outside in the sand and the mud kitchen.

## Important Dates

**Beach Day - 21st August**

**Bank Holiday - Nursery closed - 26th August**

**Term starts for funded only children on 9th September 2024.**

## Book & Rhyme of the month.

During August the **Preschool** children will be reading "Charlie Cook's Favourite Book".

The **Toddler Room** will be reading "Sharing a Shell"

The **Baby Room** will be singing the rhyme "1,2,3,4,5".

## Birthdays

Boe 2nd	Willow B 19th
Alice 3rd	Connie 20th
Georgia 7th	Paige 22nd
Alfred 10th	Ethan 23rd
Sebastian 10th	
Madeline 10th	

## Funding Forms

Please can you return your funding forms back to the office by the start of the new term if you have not already done so. They are a legal requirement between yourselves and Calderdale Council and funding can be withdrawn without them. We also need to see some form of ID for your child.

The funding will begin from the 9th September for new starters and funded only children and will run until 20th December 2024 for the term time only children.

## Beach Day

We would like to invite your child to join us for Beach Day Dressing Up on Wednesday 21st August. If your child attends on that day they can come dressed up in their holiday clothes ready to join in with lots of fun activities.

## Teddy Bears Picnic

On Friday 29th August we would like to invite your child to bring their Teddy and we will having a Teddy Bears picnic. The teddy's need to be ready to join in with lots of fun bear activities.

## Payments

Please note that fees are payable in advance. You will receive a monthly invoice/ statement showing how much is due at the start of the month, Fees that are not paid by the 7th of the month will incur a late payment charge and fees not paid by the 10th will result in the suspension of childcare until the outstanding balance is cleared.



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## Things to do at home this month

### Pre-School

In the Pre-school room the children will be learning about Nature in Summer through using natural materials to make things.

You can join in at home through making collages with natural materials that you could find on a scavenger hunt around the garden or on a walk. You can also have fun getting messy making mud pies and adding flowers or leaves to them.

You could develop your child's mathematical skills building cairns using stones (see below). You can play I spy looking for natural things we can see out and about. I spy is a fabulous way to develop your child's observational pre reading skills. You could also make mobiles using natural objects.

### Toddler room

The children in the toddler room are going to be learning about Mini beasts.

You can read the story of the "Hungry caterpillar" and talk about how caterpillars change into butterflies. You could go for a bug hunt and look for different mini beasts and talk about where they live. This is a brilliant way to introduce new vocabulary. You can make mini beast pebbles, painting them to look like your child's favourite mini beast.

Develop your child's mathematical skills by taking part in baking activities such as making butterfly buns and talking about quantities and introducing language such as more and less.

### Baby Room

In the baby room we will be learning about the seaside by pretending to be at the seaside and play in the paddling pool. You could have a visit to the seaside and build sand castles. This activity supports your child's physical development through using tools to fill buckets. You could also look for shells and add them to playdough or use them for printing.

There are lots of sea themed books that you could look at such as "That's not my shark" or "That's not my mermaid" and talk about the textures and introduce new vocabulary. As well as reading books you could songs such as "1,2,3,4,5" to support your child's language development.

### Build a Cairn

Cairns are man-made towers of natural stones; the stones are placed on top of each other as a memorial or a landmark. For example:

Get children to collect as many stones as they can find in lots of different sizes. Then stack them in order, with the largest at the bottom and the smallest at the top.

Alternatively, you could ask them to use lots of smaller stones on the bottom with a bigger stone balanced on top (this is a bit harder but a great way of developing problem-solving skills).

### Next Month

During September the **Pre-School Room** will be reading the book "The Lion Inside"

The **Toddlers** will be reading the story "Children Like Me".

The **Baby Room** will be singing "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow".

### *Dingle Dangle Scarecrow.*

*When all the cows are sleeping  
And the sun has gone to bed  
Up jumps the scarecrow  
And this is what he says!*

*I'm a Dingle Dangle Scarecrow.  
With a flippy floppy hat.  
I can shake my hands like this.  
I can shake my feet like that.*

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