



# March Newsletter

## Pre-School Room

The children in Pre-School have been learning about Countries from around the World. They have explored India and enjoyed taking part in making and tasting Indian food. They enjoyed visiting Paris celebrating Valentines Day by making chocolate mousse. We have also visited Nigeria, reading "Handa's Surprise" and acting out the story in the tuff tray.

We visited China as part of our Chinese New Year celebrations, learning about the Year of the Snake. We have also had fun learning about Hungary and making Goulash and learning some Hungarian words, as well as listening to music by Hungarian composers.

## Toddler Room

The children in the Toddler room have been developing their vocabulary skills through learning about colours. They have taken part in a colour soup activity, learning about mixing different colours. We have also taken part in painting with edible paint.

We have made and played with playdough developing our malleable skills. We also enjoyed playing in the moon dough having fun building with it and squishing it developing our fine motor skills.

## Baby Room

In the Baby room the children have also been learning about colours. They have enjoyed taking part in lots of sensory play using shredded paper, cloud dough and coloured rice. We have enjoyed exploring different scented playdough and developing our fine motor skills.

We have also enjoyed developing our communication skills through playing with the musical instruments and singing lots of songs.

## Important Dates

**St Patrick's Day - 17th March**

**Mothers Day - 30th March**

**Eid - 30th March**

## Book & Rhyme of the month

During March the children in **Pre-School** will be reading "Monkey Puzzle" by Julia Donaldson.

The **Toddler Room** will be reading "Five Minutes Peace" by Jill Murphy.

The **Baby Room** will be singing "Mary Mary Quite Contrary".

## Nursery Places

From September 2025 the funded hours for all eligible children under 3 will increase from 11 to 22 hours per week on a stretched basis. Please speak to Claire if you are thinking of increasing your hours as places are very limited.

Also if you are thinking of booking siblings in please speak to Claire as early as possible, priority is given to siblings but as previously stated places are very limited with children booked in for next year already.

## Incoming Injuries

To comply with safeguarding procedures, please can parents ensure that they are informing staff of any injuries, marks or bruises that have occurred at home, so that an incoming injury form can be completed and signed by yourselves.

## Easter Bonnet Competition

We will be holding our Annual Easter Bonnet Competition. There will be a prize for the best Easter Bonnet design from each room which the children have contributed to making. All entries need to be brought in by Thurs 17th Apr. The judging will take place on Friday 18th April.

## Birthdays

Ava 5th Alfie 16th

Arlo 5th Milen 27th

Bonnie B 8th Leo 28th

Summer 15th

Jack 16th

## New Staff Member

We are pleased to welcome Jessica to the team. She is Level three qualified with a number of years experience. Jessica will predominantly be working in the Toddler Room.



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## Things to do at home this month

### Pre-School

The children in the Pre-School room will be learning about Spring. You can join in at home by going for walks in a nearby park or garden and look for signs of spring. Encourage your child to find specific items like flowers, buds, leaves, insects, or birds. You could plant easy-to-grow seeds like sunflowers or herbs in small pots and talk about growth and responsibility as they water and care for their plants.

Foster creativity and fine motor skills through creating art with a Spring theme, such as painting flowers, making handprint butterflies, or crafting tissue paper flowers. You could also read books related to Spring such as "The Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle.

### Toddler room

The children in the Toddler Room are going to be focusing on the theme of animals. You could play a simple animal snap game using animal cards. You can imitate animal sounds and movements such as the roar of a lion! Sing animal related songs such as "Five Little Ducks".

You can read animal themed books such as "Dear Zoo" and enhance your child's language skills. You could also bake animal shaped biscuits using the recipe below. Why not develop your child's creative skills by asking them to create an animal picture using different textures for different types of animal skins.

### Baby Room

The Babies are going to be focusing on the Farm. You can fill trays or containers with materials such as rice or dried beans to hide farm animals and your child explore the textures and find the animals. This type of activity is great for your child's sensory development.

You can read farm themed books such as Peekaboo books. Add farm animals to the bath and sing songs at bath time such as "Old Macdonald" or "Five little ducks". You can go out for a walk in the countryside and look at the different farm animals and then draw pictures of any that you have seen using chunky crayons when back home.

### Sugar Cookie Recipe.

#### Ingredients

100g unsalted butter, softened  
100g caster sugar, 2 eggs  
1tsp vanilla extract 30g cornflour  
300g plain flour.

#### Method.

Beat the butter and sugar with an electric whisk for 4 mins until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then add the vanilla. Whisk in the cornflour and plain flour until the mixture comes together into a dough. Put the dough between two pieces of baking parchment, and roll out to a 6mm thickness using a rolling pin. Chill for 30 mins

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Peel the top layer of parchment off the dough and stamp out circles using a 6cm round cutter (or the shape of your choice). Transfer the cookies to a second large baking sheet lined with baking parchment, spacing them 2cm apart. Bake for 7-10 mins. Leave to cool.

### Next Month

During April the pre school room children will be reading the book The Hungry Caterpillar

Toddler Room will be reading The Very Hungry Caterpillars Easter Surprise.

The Baby room will be singing the rhyme "Baa baa black sheep"

### Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa, baa, black sheep, have you any wool?

Yes, sir, yes, sir, three bags full  
One for the master, and one for the dame

And one for the little boy who lives  
down the lane.

