



May Newsletter

Pre-School Room

The children in preschool have continued learning about Spring. We have learnt about Spring rain and how we make rainbows. We have had lots of fun observing our tadpole which is growing very large now. We celebrated Easter and learnt about Vaisakhi, the Hindu/Sikh solar New Year. We also celebrated St George's Day and discussed why we celebrate it. Learning about different celebrations develops our Understanding of the World knowledge. We have been extended our Literacy skills through our Book of the Month "Hello Beaky" by learning about the structure of the story and by recalling parts of it. We have extended our mathematical skills learning the names of different 2D and 3D shapes and recreated them using different construction materials.

Toddler Room

The toddlers have been focusing on the ugly duckling, we have had discussions about being a good friend and awareness of others' feelings. We have been exploring duck, chicken and even goose eggs! This allowed the toddlers to make size and weight comparisons! This extended their imaginative skills, as they made predictions about what was in the eggs. We have been exploring the outdoor environment, collecting sticks to make our own nests, digging in the soil and talking about growth and decay. The toddlers have been taking on a role in their play using the vets role play.

Baby Room

The babies have been focusing on transport and have taken part in a variety of activities surrounding this. The babies have been exploring cars in different textures, making marks in paint and talking about different forms of transport. They have been listening to the different sounds of transport, singing songs and copying actions.

The babies have shown interest in the outdoor area, using the chalk to mark make and exploring the diggers in sand.

Important Dates

**May day 3rd May
Nursery Closed**

**EID celebration 13th
May.**

**Breakfasts from around
the World 25th May**

**Spring Bank Holiday 31st
May Nursery Closed.**

Book & Rhyme of the month

Preschool: "Solomon Crocodile" by Catherine Rayner

Toddlers: "The very lazy lady-bird" By Isobel Finn.

Rhyme: "Incy Wincy Spider" for both rooms.

Baby Room: "1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive".

Oral Health

Public Health are promoting the importance of keeping your child's teeth healthy especially if you have not managed to get to the dentist due to Covid 19.

We are sharing some tips on how to keep your child's teeth healthy.

1. Brush before bed time and one other time during the day.
2. Use a fluoride toothpaste containing at least 1000 ppm (parts per million).
3. Just a smear on the brush for under 3's.
4. Pea sized amount for over 3's.
5. Spit - don't rinse when finished.
6. Supervise under 8's when brushing.
7. Take to the dentist for regular visits.
8. Avoid sugary and acidic food/drinks between meals and an hour before bedtime.
9. Honey, smoothies, fruit juice and dried fruit are not tooth-friendly snacks.
10. Milk is a tooth friendly drink during the day, water is tooth friendly at any time.
11. From 6 months onwards encourage the use of open top cups - discourage bottle use after the age of one year.
12. Remember to ask for sugar-free medicines whenever possible.

Staff

Vikki has now left to start her maternity leave and Sophie has moved into the Baby Room to cover while Vikki is off. Sophie has previously worked in the baby room and has lots of experience working with babies.

We are sad to see Lucy leave us to join a nursery within walking distance of her new home. We would like to wish her well for the future and thank her for her time at Toy Box.

We are pleased to welcome Deborah and Emma who are both starting with us in the early part of May. Deborah, who is joining the pre-school room, is level 3 qualified and has 13 years experience in childcare. Emma is starting in the Toddler Room, is level 3 qualified and has previous experience of working with toddlers.

Birthdays

Ayaat 4	Sienna 23
Georgia 20	Annie 25
Pippa 21	Esme 26
Samuel 23	
Sebastian 23	

Closing Times

From June, as things start to return to more normality, we will be reverting back to our usual closing time of 6pm each evening.

We would ask all parents to carry on helping us at this time and if at all possible to still collect your children by 5.30pm, so that our staff have time to thoroughly clean the nursery ready for the next day to ensure Covid safety, without having to stay late on what are already long days for them.



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Things to do at home this month

Pre-School

The Pre school will be learning about mini beasts, you could go for a bug hunt around the garden or whilst on a walk and see how many different bugs you can find, talking about the colours of the insects and how many legs they have. You could make butterfly buns and talk about measurements and following a recipe. You could read the book *The Hungry Caterpillar* and talk about the days of the week or the different foods they are eating. For our book of the month you could talk about Solomons feelings and also how the other animals are feeling and if they are being kind. You could talk about the different characters in the story and which is your child's favourite. Sing rhymes such as "Incy Wincy Spider" or "There's a worm at the bottom of the garden".

Toddler room

The toddlers are reading "The very lazy ladybird" and learning about minibeasts. You could make Butterfly buns and encourage them to add ingredients and mix them in, talking about the change in the mixture. You could have a mini beast hunt in the garden and see how many different insects you can find, looking at their different colours and shapes.

You can draw and paint pictures of ladybirds.

Sing rhymes such as "Incy Wincy Spider" or "There's a worm at the bottom of the garden".

Please share any pictures of your home learning via the "Evidence Me" portal. It would be lovely to see what activities you are doing at home.

Baby Room

The Babies are singing "1,2,3,4,5" and learning about under the sea. You could extend the learning at home through singing the song and using props. In the bath, add any bath toys such as a fish and talk about what the fish does such as swim and introduce new vocabulary.

You can make starfish shaped biscuits and introduce the star shape

. If you have sand have a play session and talk about filling and emptying the buckets.

Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the water spout

down came the rain and wash the spider out

out came the sun and dried up all the rain

Now the incy wincy spider climbed up the spout again.

Next Month

During May the Preschool children will be reading "Super worm" by Julia Donaldson

The Toddler Room will be reading "The Crunch Munching Caterpillar".

The Baby Room will be singing the rhyme "Hey Diddle Diddle"

1,2,3,4,5

One, two, three, four, five,
Once I caught a fish alive.
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on the right.