



Little Learners
NURSERY GROUP

Friday 5th March

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an action packed week at nursery and the children have been busy exploring and learning with their friends and nursery teachers.

World Book Day

A big thank you to everyone who participated in World Book day this week. It was so much fun to see all the imaginative outfits and read our favourite stories. There were some old classics that we love dearly and some new stories that have quickly become our favourite's. Thank you to everyone and we will be posting photos of the day on tapestry.

Parents Meetings

We will be organising parent meetings on the week of the **8th March**. Although due to the current Government Guidance, these meetings will be adjusted to ensure everyone's safety. You will be able to book in a phone call slot with your child's key person for a ten minutes discussion about your child's progress at nursery between 5:30pm – 6:00pm throughout the week, Pre-school 4 meetings will take place over 2 weeks. If you would like a meeting, please contact your key person or room leader.

Easter Holidays

During Easter break, if your child is away from nursery or will be coming in and picking up early or late please inform a member of staff in your child's room. This is to ensure we have the correct staffing for our ratios throughout the day and can plan ahead. Also, if an alternate carer will be dropping or collecting your child please ensure to notify a member of staff, supply a photo and share the password with them so we can identify them upon arrival. If your child will be absent next week due to half term please ensure you notify Dawn or Yasmin as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.





Holidays & Quarantine

If you are going on holiday or will be away, please be sure to let a member of staff in your child's room know or email Dawn. This is so we can ensure that we log it onto our system and do not disturb your holiday by phoning to query absence.

Please note the government is updating this list regularly, please do check regularly and inform the nursery if this affects you.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors>

New Arrivals

If you are expecting a new baby and plan for them to attend Little Learners please make sure you sign them up as soon as possible. We are experiencing a huge number of requests for places and our waiting list will have to close quite soon. We always priorities siblings if and where we can we can, however we need parents to plan ahead and sign little ones up as early as possible to secure a space in the desired room. If you are expecting we would like to say a big congratulations! We look forward to meeting your little ones soon.

If you have any questions please email Dawn.

What to do if you have symptoms...

We must remind everyone that if you or any member of your household exhibits Covid-19 symptoms you must **not** bring your child to nursery until the person or household have undergone a Covid test and received a negative result.

If you have children in multiple rooms/school they must also be kept at home until a negative test is received for the person/people who has symptoms.

If the Covid test result is positive you must all isolate for ten days and not leave your house. In the event of a positive case you must also notify the nursery senior team who will make a note of your positive result and take appropriate action if necessary.

We thank you all for your cooperation in these difficult times.

Drop off and collection

When dropping off or collecting children from the nursery gate you **MUST** wear a mask unless medically exempt. This is to ensure the safety of other parents, families and our staff team.



What we have been up to this week...

This week at nursery, all of our bubbles have been very busy playing and learning. Here are some of our favourite activities.

Bunnies

This week we have been exploring sensory bags with different textures inside. The babies enjoys squashing and squeezing the different contents. We also enjoyed tipping and pouring using lentils and cups. The children enjoyed transferring the lentils between the contains and feeling their textures. Another texture we explored was using colourful playdough and cookie cutters to make different shapes.

Toddlers

This week we have been reading the Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have enjoyed making hand print caterpillar pictures and using sting with pasta to make a chain which we painted to look like a caterpillar. Outside in the garden the children used chalk on the floors to draw their favourite foods from the story.

Toddler +

In toddler plus we have been reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' the children enjoyed using dressing up clothes to role play and retell the story and talk about the different characters. We used lists to write down a shopping list for Granma that would be in Red Riding Hoods basket and used our play foods to pack the baskets in our home corner. Using our grey playdough we made wolf faces and cakes for Granma.

Pre-school 4

The pre-school children have looking at, talking about and sorting using 3D shapes. We spoke about what makes the similar and different whilst learning their different names. The children used to 3D shape to match them with similar 2D shapes and build shape structure. We made spoon puppets from our favourite stories and held a show and tell on World Book Day about our stories and costumes. The children have also been talking about baking bread and writing down the recipes to bake their own bread.

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school the children have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man' we enjoyed making gingerbread scented playdough and using cookie cutters to make our own gingerbread from the dough. The children also used icing pens to decorate their own gingerbread people. This week we have been talking about recycling and the importance it has to nature. The children helped sort different items in our recycling boxes and learnt about what can be recycled.