

Friday 4th June 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely sunny week at Little Learners. Everyone has enjoyed being outside in the warm weather.

Sensory toys and Open Ended Play

At Little Learners it is important for our children to engage in all types of play. We give children lots opportunities to explore heuristic, open ended and sensory play, this includes exploring a variety of everyday objects to make noise with, role play and feel textures.

We are always looking for donations of

- Pots and pans
- Materials of interesting colours, patterns and textures
- Wooden objects (spoons, mug trees, curtain hoops etc.)
- Metal objects (CDs, potato mashers)
- Old/Used Tires
- Children's books (all ages)

If you are interested in donating any of these items please bring them in as all donations are welcome.

Key Person

This week you will have received a letter regarding your child's key person and what that means. We are striving to perfect our parent partnership here at Little Learners and would love to hear from parents about what children are interested in at home.

Over the next 2 weeks key persons will be calling parents to complete a 'Parent Planning Form' to discuss their child's interest and next steps at nursery.

What's in my Nursery Bag? - Summer and Warm Weather

Now the weather is getting warm we would like to remind parents of some other nursery bag essentials that children must have when attending nursery.

- Sunhat with child's name clearly labelled
- High factor sun cream with child's name clearly labelled
- Light cotton weather appropriate clothing
- Water bottle with child's name (exception baby room)
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For more information see email that was sent out with subject 'Warm Weather at Nursery'





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 your absence.

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

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

Summer Holidays

If your child will be away from nursery in the summer holidays that you notify Dawn or Yasmin as soon as possible. The school summer begins from Monday 26th July to Tuesday 31st August.

Nursery Collection

I would like to remind parents that we are currently still asking children to be collected by 5:30pm. This is to enable our staff to thoroughly clean toys, equipment and furniture to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. If you are unable to collect by this time or may run late we would appreciate you calling or emailing to let us know. Thank you for your co-operation.

What to do if you have symptoms...

We must remind everyone that if you or any member of your household shows any Covid-19 symptoms you must **not** bring your child to nursery until the person or household have gone for 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 had some much fun outside and to celebrate the warm weather we have really enjoyed splashing in our water trays! The children loved paddling in the water and getting their toes wet stamping in the tray to make large splashes. We went on a walk to the field this week and had so much fun playing with the footballs and running under the parachute while our carers lifted the parachute up and down in big waves.

Inside we have enjoyed exploring our sensory beach tuff spot with sand and water. The children enjoyed feeling the different textures between wet and dry sand, we even built some sand castles with molds!

Toddlers

This week in the toddler room the children enjoyed their pirate themed party! Lots of children dressed up as pirates and we loved seeing all the outfits and role playing in our pirate themed home corner. The toddlers went digging in the sand for buried treasure and counting golden coins to practice our number sequences. We made lovely sea painting on cling film and watched how the colours mixed on the film.

Outside we had a pirate tea party and singing some of our favourite pirate songs. To help the pirates stay in disguise we designed our own pirate masks which we cut out and added head bands to.

Toddler+ and Pre-School 4

In Toddler + and Pre-School 4 the children enjoyed being outside and using their bikes and scooters in the big school playground. The children showed some of the moves on the scooters and scooted to music to recreate our scoot fit experience! The children have also enjoyed going to the adventure playground to explore and climb. We were very good at climbing the ladders and with some help we figured out the monkey bars.

Inside the children have been exploring the marble run set, making curvy windy course for the marble to travel through. We spoke about how the marble needed to travel downwards and took turns to use the spot clocks to see how fast our marble could run!

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school we have been making bug hotels! As the weather warms up we have seen lots of our natural creepy crawlies return and wanted to make them some comfortable 5 star accommodation. We went on a bug hunt to find some of our creepy crawlies and look at them with magnifying glasses before returning them home.

As the weather was very hot we decided it would be a good idea to make some yummy cool treats. The children helped their teachers to blend and cut up fruits to make frozen smoothie pop!