

Thursday 17th June 2021



Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Water Play Day

We had so much fun on our water play days this week and enjoyed exploring lots of different activities in our large water trays. The children also had fun splashing in the paddling pools and having water battles outside in the sun shine.

As the summer continues water play is always a large part of the day both inside and outside in all the rooms. Please make sure your child has lots of spare clothes and suitable shoes so they can join in with the water fun.

Nursery Photos

We have received some interest from parents for a professional photographer to come in and take some photos of the children for parents to be able to purchase. If this is something you would like then please let us know.

Labelling Children Clothes

Please ensure all your child's belongings are labelled with their first and last name clearly. Lots of children have the same items as others and without clear labelling it is difficult for staff to ensure all of your belongings go home with you. We ask that you label every item of clothing your child brings to nursery to prevent anything going missing at nursery. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.





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>

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 of 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.

Christmas Holiday Dates

For parents requesting the Christmas closure date this year, for Christmas 2021 the nursery will close on Monday 20th December at 6pm and reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 8am as usual.

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 really enjoyed playing in the garden with the water trays and paddling pool. The children, dressed in their swim nappies or swimsuits enjoyed splashing and jumping in the paddling pool with their friends, filling cups with water to empty on themselves or back into the water. We had so much fun with our slides in the water trays, the children climbed to the top of the slide before sliding down to make a huge splash.

We have also been making some lovely cards for the Father's and special people in our lives with Sophie. The babies used their hands to make hand prints to create beautiful tree pictures. During our circle times we have been dancing to and singing some of our favourite songs using the parent feedback forms we completed.

Toddlers

This week in the toddler room we have been making paper plate snakes. The toddlers used the plates to stick them together and make long or short snakes which we painted using different sized brushes. On Monday we loved jumping in and out of the paddling pool with our friends. The children helped their teachers fill the pool up with water transferring it from the hose to the pool. We also mixed soap with water to make our own bubble mixtures which we used to practice blowing bubbles independently.

Outside the children went on a listening walk to listen to and talk about the different sounds they could hear in nature. The children picked up on sounds of birds and airplanes along with sounds of the wind in the trees and cars driving by.

Toddler+ and Pre-School 4

In Toddler + and Pre-school 4 we enjoyed reading the story of 'Rainbow Fish' the children have been matching labels to the fish such as the fins and gills, talking about the different parts of the fish and how they swim. We also enjoyed decorating a giant rainbow fish with our friends using different coloured tissue paper and foils to give our fish lots of colourful texture.

Using playdough, the children have made cakes for their cake shop. They used rolling pins to roll out the dough and decorate the different cakes.

Outside the children enjoyed exploring sea life water trays and filling and emptying containers, the children even pretended to make cups of tea for their teachers.

Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school we have had lots of fun making owl pictures, we used natural resources to make our owl collages and stuck them together. This week we have been learning about nocturnal animals and what they do during the night. Lots of the children spoke about hearing foxes during the night and the birds singing in the morning.

In the classroom we had a role play hair salon. The children used combs and hairs bands to style dolly's hair in lots of different styles.

Outside the children had so much fun on water play day, we ran through the sprinklers and paddling pools to make big splashes and used the bubble wands to make long wavy bubbles.