



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

## Pride week:

We will be celebrating Pride next week at Little Learners Nursery, where promoting equality and diversity is key. We are proud to teach and support the children from a range of families and help them to become proud of themselves and others. From a young age, we encourage our children to be kind and respectful to everyone.

The older children will be talking about their families and what makes them special and unique. Our younger children will be taking part in lots of craft activities linked to rainbows and the colours of pride. Did you know that each colour on the Pride flag represents something different? Red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, blue for harmony and purple for spirit. Each colour represents something different but is special in its own way, just like us here at Little Learners.

We are proud that our staff encourage all our children to be themselves and help them to understand that it is okay to be different. If girls want to be footballers and boys want to be princesses they can be. Girls can like blue and boys can like pink. Boys can play with dolls and girls can play with cars. You can play, like and be whatever you want to be. We teach the children to be happy, to be free and to love.

**Please bring your little one dressed in rainbow colours throughout the week to support our Pride celebrations**





### 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 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 in the Bunny room, we have been doing many counting activities and our exploring wild animals. Our Bunnies loved listening to and looking at the 'Dear Zoo' story book with all the silly presents the zoo sent.

We made monkeys as we got creative and enjoyed exploring paints and sticking papers as we explored the different resources and we sang songs about the '5 little monkeys' as the adults introduce counting to our Bunnies!

### Toddlers

Our Tigers have really enjoyed exploring the holiday themed week! We made our own passports, filling them with stamps, exploring different clothing items for our suitcase templates as we explored mark making and sticking and talking about going to the beach or when taking a plane to go on holiday!

The children loved telling us that they have been on a plane, they eat ice-cream on holiday and joined in as we discussed what we need to put on when playing in the sun during circle time this week. We practiced our counting skills using playdough, shapes and wild animals to make stamps with. The Tigers would talk about how many footprints they see in the playdough, counted number of sides the triangle left in it, with the support of the adult, and they loved making multiple footprints banging all the different wild animals on the playdough as they listened to the noise it makes.

### Toddler+ and Pre-School 4

This week our little Pandas have been busy working on a Rainbow fish collage. We joined our creative powers to make a big rainbow fish to display in the Panda room. Our Panda's have been counting the fins on their fish in our math activities and they have impressed everyone with their fine motor skills using the tweezers to pick up and transport marbles to the pots while counting.

We have also been painting our portraits for our new home corner, which look absolutely super 😊

### Little Learners in Nature

In the nature school we have been learning all about nocturnal animals and their habitats. We have been talking about how sometimes their senses are much better than ours as they need to be able to hunt for food in the dark.

We also did a great experiment using the fire pit, where the children had to guess what would happen to different foods once we cooked it. We had some very imaginative answers 😊