

WEEK COMMENCING 26TH APRIL 2021

PLAYDAYS NURSERY

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What have we been up to?

Babies – This week in babies have been very busy! We had a lovely start to the week with some beautiful sunshine; we got our sun cream on and headed out to the garden to play in the sand tray using the scoops, mini rakes and animal shaped moulds. This week we have celebrated Penguin day by making our own masks, using arts and craft materials. Our biggest focus this week was physical development; using our gross motor skills to climb, crawl and slide. We set up the large wooden blocks as steppingstones for our older children and they were able to do this independently. We supported all of the children on their individual physical stages and they experimented with different ways of moving themselves.

Toddlers – This week in Toddlers we have had a wildlife week; we have had bug hunts, made bird feeders, painted ladybirds on rocks and we used toy bugs to make marks on paper with paint. Technology has been a big interest with the Toddlers this week; to support this interest we made a den and had the sensory lights underneath, the Toddlers also took cameras outside to take pictures of nature.

Lower Pre-School – This week in Lower Pre-School the children have had great fun making dens in the lovely sunshine, this has followed on from our construction theme activities. Our book of the week is 'The 3 Little Pigs' and we built our own houses for our little piggy's to hide! We have used diggers, stones, and sticks to recreate some of the house's we have been looking at in construction books.

Upper Pre-School – In Upper Pre-School this week our story has been 'The Snail and the Whale', we have followed the story on the interactive screen and explored a Snail and Whale tuff tray.

We have also been looking at the life cycles and the environment; we have been bug hunting in the tuff tray using magnifying glasses, planting seeds for the garden and have spoken about what they need to grow and how we look after them.



Check out Tapestry, Facebook and Instagram for more of the fun things we have been up to this week!

Upcoming Events

Babies – Babies communication and language skills are coming on leaps and bounds so, from next week, we will be introducing a sign of the week using Makaton, alongside our day to day language and development activities. This will be sent to you on the newsletter or weekly Tapestry update for you to follow and use.

Toddlers – Next week in Toddlers our theme will be our emotions. We will be talking to the Toddlers about how we feel and how we act based on our emotions, including what actions we should and shouldn't use and how to express emotions appropriately. This is also a week we will be focusing on boundaries and routines, we will be incorporating this by playing and turn taking games.

Lower Pre-School – Next week our book of the week is 'The Hungry Caterpillar', we will be using the story to talk about numbers, quantity and counting, we will be talking about what foods are good for us and what foods are not good for us. We will be taking part in a healthy food tasting activity. We will also be looking at the effects of exercise on our bodies

Upper Pre-School – Our book of the week is 'My Mummy has a house inside her tummy' and the song of the week will be 'Miss Polly'. We will be working on our personal care skills, such as putting our coats and shoes on, getting dressed, hand washing routines and dressing dollies- all in preparation for starting school!



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Notices and Reminders

- May Bank Holidays- we will be closed to all sessions on Monday 3rd May and Monday 31st May
- Can we please remind you again to only arrive at the time your sessions starts. Any families arriving early will politely be asked to remain outside until their session start time.
- Holiday Club Special Offer! Book before 28th May to receive 10% off!
- **Please can we remind parents to close ALL external gates to the playground.** Please DO NOT leave gates open for parents you may see coming. If gates remain left open we will be forced to lock all gates and parents will be required to call the nursery upon arrival for a member of staff to open the gate, adding additional time to your journey.

Get to know the team

Upper Pre-School



Helle

Caroline



Helle works in Upper Pre-School and has worked at Playdays for 18 months. Helle loves to be creative, and thinking of interesting activities that follow the children's interests and encouraging them to be expressive and creative- especially through anything messy!

Helle loves to cook with the children and every week she teaches different groups of children cooking with 'Helle's bakes'

Caroline has worked in childcare for over 20 years and for Playdays for nearly 10 years, Caroline also works in Upper Pre-school and holds a level 2 in childcare and education

Caroline's favourite activities to do with the children are circle times and teaching small focus groups with the children, really getting to know individual children's development stages and needs.

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