

WEEK COMMENCING 4TH OCTOBER 2021

PLAYDAYS NURSERY

FARNBOROUGH



What have we been up to?

Baby Centre- This week in our Baby Centre, we have been exploring Autumn a little further. We have been thoroughly enjoying wellington boot printing and making marks with paint. In our baby centre we have also been using autumnal themed items for threading, to develop our fine motor skills and attention span. The babies have shown great curiosity to explore a variety of materials to create their own artwork. One way we did this was through gluing and sticking; we used different felt, paper and card to support this. To finish our week, one baby in our baby centre brought in a new comforter which was the 'Big Bad Mouse' from The Gruffalo/The Gruffalo's Child. We created a whole day based around this for our in the moment planning. During this day we created 'Gruffalo Crumble', explored our Gruffalo story sack, made marks with the Gruffalo characters, and had lots of cuddles with the soft toys, in the story sack.

Hedgehogs- This week in Hedgehog's, following on from looking at Autumn last week, we wanted to explore this a little further. This week we have thoroughly enjoyed using natural resources that correspond with this season such as conkers, leaves and sticks. We have been able to count in sequence, up to 5, a group of conkers. Following on from this we used conkers to mark make and printed leaves to see the different marks they could create. Hedgehogs have also started to create their very own autumnal wreaths out of their handprints this week, we included lots of autumnal colours that Hedgehogs were able to show skill in recognising. Lastly, we have been creating our own hot air balloons. We based this around one of our Hedgehogs that came in and joyfully told us that they saw one when they were with their family!

Pre-school- This week in Pre-school, we have got stuck in with so many different activities and had lots of fun. We have started our week by creating a shape hunt and were able to look at simple shapes and find objects in the environment that matched these shapes. Pre-school showed great skill and knowledge in understanding some of the properties for each shape and we have been able to use mathematical language to support our knowledge and understanding. We followed on to creating mark makings of simple shapes and pre-school were then able to shape sort the correct shapes into each shape sorter.

Pre-school continued to explore the theme of Autumn and Halloween through 'pumpkin' shaped apple printing with orange paint and then created chia seeded tuff trays with animals. To finish our week off we have been practicing our gross motor skills in the garden through learning some gymnastic moves

Upcoming Events

- Thursday 14th October- Parents evening & EYFS night-Please book a 10 minute appointment with your child's key person to discuss your child's learning and development. Each child will have an online report which can be accessed at home. Reports will need to be accessed through desktop view.
- Friday 15th October- National Nursery Nurse Day Party Day
- Thursday 21st October- Individual photos from Concept Photography
- Friday 22nd October- Make something pink day
- Friday 29th October- Halloween Party
- Monday 25th October- Monday 1st November 2021- Half term
- Please speak with management to reserve a ticket for any parties or stay and plays.



MENU NEXT WEEK WE WILL BE ON MENU TWO



This month we are re-developing our play and learning at home initiative to correspond with the new EYFS 2021 curriculum

COVID 19

If you are double vaccinated (14 days post your 2nd vaccine) or under the age of 18, and you are in contact with someone that tests positive, you will no longer have isolate. However, your child will require a PCR test if they live with someone that tests positive or if they display any signs or symptoms, before returning to nursery. We would be very grateful that if you or your child have been in contact with someone who tests positive, to make a member of staff or management aware so that we can be extra vigilant and monitor for any signs and symptoms.

If we get 3 or more positive cases within a bubble, the whole bubble will be asked to isolate for 72 hours before getting a PCR test (all negative results will need to be emailed to a member of the management team)

We will do everything we can to avoid any disruption to our families, and we are working tirelessly to keep COVID out of the nursery so please be extra vigilant to symptoms, get your child tested if you are not sure and please be honest with our staff.

Please also be reminded that staff are following our policies and guidance given to us by our local authority, if asking you to collect your child, get tested or remain off nursery due to COVID. Verbal abuse, obscene language or raising your voice to our staff will not be tolerated. If this happens/continues to happen we will enforce our Zero Tolerance Policy to those that it applies to (please ask a member of the team if you would like to see this)

Reminders

- Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for the weather ahead of their session, so they are able to make full use of the activities and facilities provided. Including wellington boots, rain coats etc.
- Please remember, if you are showing symptoms and/or are awaiting test results for COVID 19; please do not come to the nursery to drop your child off.
- Drop off/Collection-Please ensure you are dropping and collecting your child at the correct session times. Ratios are organised accordingly, and you may be at risk of being asked to wait if you are too early for your child's session or a late fee may be applied to your account.
- Label clothing-Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled to lower the risk of missing items.
- Prescribed medication- Please ensure all prescribed medication has been given for a minimum of 24 hours/ 4 doses before returning to nursery. We can give medication as long as the labelled medication is provided, and it is signed in each day.