



PLAYDAYS
NURSERY
Creative Learning

WEEK COMMENCING 22ND NOVEMBER 2021

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FARNBOROUGH



What have we been up to?

Baby Centre- This week in our Baby Centre, we have been looking at all the different ways we can explore our senses using a range of sensory activities; we have been using sensory bags to explore a variety of textures such as shaving foam, pompoms, paint, and ice cubes. We have also enjoyed using an assortment of tools and equipment to make marks such as paint brushes in flour, or cars to paint to make car tracks to help develop our fine motor skills.

Hedgehogs- This week in Hedgehogs, we have been focusing on our health and self care. We have been looking at ways to keep fit and healthy during the colder months; we have also been looking at ways we should dress for the colder weather and in an adult led activity we looked at a range of different winter clothes; such as hats and gloves, how we would wear them and practised putting them on. To reduce the spread of the illness throughout the nursery, we had to put our malleable activities on hold for a week so Hedgehogs had great fun when we could start using malleable materials again- we created a messy tuff tray for the children to explore using a range of materials and sensory resources!

Pre-school- This week in Pre-school, we have had great fun working on our Personal, Social, and Emotional development around nursery rhymes. We had so much fun with our nursery rhyme week last week, we wanted to think about how emotions reflect into the songs. We asked questions such as "who looks after us when you are poorly?" for Miss Polly had a dolly, "how did humpty dumpty feel when he fell?" and "did incy wincy spider keep trying when he fell down the water spout?" Also following on from nursery rhymes, the children have enjoyed looking for insects in the environment- this was incorporated into our 'In the moment planning' to follow the children's interests. The children enjoyed looking around the garden for spider webs and have been using our Understand the World and Communication and Language skills to question how they think spiders make webs. They have also been looking in the digging pits for worms and we discussed if they think worms can see in the dark, incorporating our discussions of it getting darker earlier.

**Check out Tapestry for more of the fun things we have been up to this week!
Like and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for updates and events- details below**

Upcoming Events

- **Week Commencing 13th December-** Elf Day. Bring £1 to get a gift for a loved one!
- **Monday 13th December at 3pm-4.30pm-** Group one Pre-school Christmas party & show
- **Wednesday 15th December-** Christmas lunch
- **Friday 17th December-** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 17th December at 3pm-4.30pm-** Group two Pre-school Christmas party & show. Baby centre and Hedgehogs Christmas Party
- **Friday 17th December-** Last day of term for term time only children
- **Friday 24th December-** Pyjama Day
- **Friday 24th December at 1pm-** Nursery closed to all for Christmas
- **Tuesday 4th January 2022-** Nursery reopens

Please check posters outside of the nursery for more information

COVID

We have now had 7 confirmed cases of Covid in the nursery, most of which were asymptomatic cases; therefore are asking that **ALL** children now take a PCR test before returning on Monday.

Please also be reminded that although government guidance states, anyone who is under 18 or has both vaccines no longer need to isolate unless they have symptoms or have a positive result, children living with anyone who tests positive are required to take a PCR test before returning to nursery, regardless of them having no symptoms.

Can we also request that if anyone in your family tests positive and you do not need to bring your child in, please keep them at home to reduce the risk of spread.

Lets all play a part in keeping everyone safe!

ELF DAY DONATIONS

During the week of 13th December the children in Hedgehogs and Badgers will be given the opportunity to go 'shopping' for a family member of their choice in our Elf gift shop! we will wrap the present they choose, and they can surprise their family member with it at Christmas!

We are requesting donations for the children to shop for; this can be anything from unwanted/unused toiletries, gift sets, food gifts, novelty gifts etc. **Please can we have all donations before 6th December.**

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Christmas Parties

If Covid cases continue to rise we may be forced to restrict or cancel our Christmas events.
We will update you should we need to do 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 bringing in a coat each day
- 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 will be asked to wait if you are too early for your child's session or a late fee will be applied to your account if you are late.
- 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.