



Nursery Newsletter - January 2024

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year with your children and made lots of memories!

We have got some new children joining us, so we are really looking forward to getting to know them and introducing them to the amazing activities we provide.

Staffing

Due to the expanding numbers, we have at both our Preschool and Nursery site we have been fortunate to recently recruit Jess who will be working between both sites. Alongside her employment Jess is currently doing an Early Years Degree so working with our babies right up to our preschool children will help Jess gain the experience she needs for her qualification. Sarah is due to go on maternity leave at the beginning of February, her last working day will be Friday 2nd Feb. Sophie has begun her role as Deputy Manager, so Sarah is handing over her duties in readiness for her leave.

For all of the new parents, the staff at nursery are as follows:

Claire Hull - Senior Manager/DSL

Sarah Ricketts - Deputy Manager/DSL

Sophie Reeves - Deputy Manager/Willows room leader/DSL

Sam Tisdale - Willows room Key Person

Heather Cryer - Meadows room Leader

Amy Stirrup - Meadows room Key Person

Liz Rouse - SENDCO

Lisa Lindley - Orchards room Leader

Jodie Brennan - Orchards room Key Person

Rachel Watton - Orchards room Practitioner

Willows Room:

Sophie, Sam and Sarah have welcomed some new faces into the Willows room. They have been busily getting to know their new key children and introducing them to all the fun activities they provide. The staff continue to use lots of sensory activities to promote the children's senses, this supports their brain and language development, gross motor skills, social interaction and problem-solving skills. They have also been out and about exploring our wonderful environment.

Meadows Room:

Hev, Amy and Liz have also welcomed some new faces into their room, they are starting off the year with an 'All about me' topic to help build those all important relationships with their new key children. As part of this topic the staff will scaffold the children's learning to enable them to become more independent. Hev, Amy and Liz will also be looking at our bodies and what makes us unique as well as building on those all-important friendships and social skills.

Orchards Room:

Lisa, Jodie and Rachel have started off the new year with lots of Mindfulness activities. Lisa is currently completing a qualification to

teach yoga and Mindfulness to both adults and children which we are taking full advantage of! Over the coming weeks Lisa will be putting her skills to practice and the children will start their mindfulness and yoga programme. They are also looking at animals and in particular pets. If you have pets and would like to bring in photos so the children can share these with their friends, then please either put them on tapestry or bring in a photo.

Forest School

Forest school continues to be hugely popular and the activities provided by the staff are allowing the children to learn new skills and embrace our outdoor environment. The children are learning about the wildlife and in particular the birds so they really enjoyed making the bird food for them. Due to the very muddy conditions and needing to rest our grass area, for the next few weeks forest school will be held on the patio area where the children will continue to have access to all the opportunities previously available. The weather is looking like we will be seeing some minus conditions so please make sure your child comes suitably dressed for Forest School. The children will need plenty of warm layers as well as hats and gloves! We also ask that these items are clearly named so we can return them at the end of the day.

Reminders:

- Please make sure your children have suitable clothing for the weather as we try and get the children outside in all weathers.
- Clothes and the children's belongings also need to be clearly labelled.

As always, if you have any questions please let us know

Best Wishes

Claire, Sarah, Sophie and the Team