



Newsletter - February 2025

Wow, the year is flying by so quickly! We are hoping that the weather will start to be more kind to us, so we can spend more time outdoors!

Planning for the next half term

This half term we will be using several different hooks for our learning opportunities. We will be focusing on introducing the children to recycling and will be adding to this each week with different activities. We will also be using events, such as, Pancake Day, Mother's Day and Easter to extend and secure children's learning and development. Please find attached the overview and ideas for you to do at home to support your child's learning.

Story Choices Study

Last term the children in their pre-school year took part in a vocabulary-based screening session for the 'Story Choices' study. The study is interested in which approach to planning leads to the most improvement in children's language when reading stories. Following the screening we have now been asked to follow a child led/responsive story time for 12 weeks. In this approach, Educators ask children to select the book for the daily group reading session or actively involve them in the book selection process. While reading, the questions and discussion points occur spontaneously. We look forward to sharing the findings of the study with you in future months.

Save the date

We would like to invite you to an Easter Forest Stay and Play session on Wednesday the 9th April 2pm -3pm. Come and join your child in forest activities and Easter craft. We will also have an Easter bonnet parade during the session, so ensure you bring along your bonnet creations from home to take part! If Wednesday is not your child's usual day, then please feel free to come in for 2pm with them.

Reminders:

- Pre-school will be closed, and Fun Club will be running during the Easter holidays - Monday 14th April - Friday the 25th of April. Fun club will not be open Good Friday and Easter Monday. The schedule and booking forms will be available shortly for you to book your child in.
- Please encourage your child not to bring in toys from home, we are finding it very difficult to find lost items and are also preparing your children ready for school. We of course understand that the children do like to show their friends their special toys, and we would love to see photographs on Tapestry of these favourite items.
- Please ensure your child is equipped for the pre-school day, with named spare clothes (including socks), water bottle and a fruit snack for morning snack. If your child stays for tea snack, please ensure this is provided too.

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

Kind Regards

Claire, Toyah and the Team