

FAMILY NEWS

October 2021



We are now well and truly into the first part of the Autumn term. The children have been making the most of the sunshine before the cold spells arrive. With this in mind, we would like your little ones to start bringing in their wellie boots for those wet days. That way they can still enjoy the garden and the muddy puddles.

Halloween Week

Through the last week of October we will be holding a special and spooky week filled with ghoulish activities. The children will be invited to come dressed in their spookiest outfits and take part in some fun and exciting activities.

Dates for your diary

Halloween Week
25th – 29th October

Christmas Fayre
Saturday 4th December

Staff Holidays
1st – 4th October
Kerrie Brett (Nursery Manager)
5th – 8th October
Connor Fletcher (Baby Room Lead)
18th – 25th October
Jade Schwar (Deputy Manager)
25th – 29th October
Charlotte Rollings (Baby Room)

Baby Room

The children in the baby room have been interested in mark making, exploring the different marks they could make with paint and chalk, crayons, pencils. They have been exploring these resources on large and small scale to develop both their gross and fine motor skills, such as a large painting activity on the floor, using their whole bodies, and smaller activities such as exploring what happens when they move their fingers around in sand or flour.

The children have been learning about cause and effect such as exploring what happens when they press buttons on a toy. Cause and effect is important in order for children to understand that their behaviour and actions result in a response, for example when a baby shakes a rattle they begin to understand that the movement of shaking it creates a sound. This repetition of cause and effects helps babies to cement their learning.

With the weather being warmer, the children in the baby room have been exploring our outside space. The focus has been on water which also has the added bonus of cooling the children down in the hotter weather, where the children have been enjoying filling buckets and watching how the boats move around in the water. The children have also enjoyed mixing the water with sand, to explore how the texture of the sand and water changes when they are added together.

Toddler Room

The children have been interested in construction this month which was extended by the role play area being set up as a construction site. The children enjoyed exploring the different tools and spoke about what they were used for. This provides the children with the opportunity to act out experiences observed in their own lives, for example they may have observed daddy/mummy using a drill at home to put up a shelf. These experiences can also lead onto further conversations with children to extend their language and knowledge of the people around them, for example this experience led onto conversations about parents who are builders.

The children in the toddler room have recently been enjoying getting messy and exploring various sensory activities. The children have really enjoyed choosing what they would like to put into the sensory tray, they have been choosing shaving foam to explore. They also had a go at making their own sensory bottles, discussing the sounds the different objects made when they shook the bottle, how they moved in the water inside the bottle, the colours, textures and shapes of the different objects.

Outside, the children in the toddler room have been enjoying climbing, running and exploring how their bodies can move in different ways. The adults set up the climbing frame, which was very popular with all children, to extend on this the adults set up an obstacle course so that the children could take risks and challenge themselves further.

Pre-School Room

The children in the pre-school room have been focusing on numbers this month, this was due to the children recently showing an interest in recognising numbers in their environments. The adults then provided them with a range of learning opportunities to extend on this interest such as matching games involving matching numeral to quantity, numbers placed around the environment, setting out resources which they could sort and count.

The children also found a frog in the garden and spoke about where it might live, how they could look after it and what it might eat etc. The adults then extended this interest through looking at the lifecycle of a frog through reading a story about it, they then did a sticking and cutting activity where they spoke about the different stages in its lifecycle and put the different images in order.

The children have been talking about people and how we are all different and unique, they then had a go at drawing their own self-portraits, which led to discussions about hair and eye colour, skin tones, different shaped noses etc. This was then extended by looking at different apples, a red, green and golden coloured apples, the children discussed how they were different colours on the outside. These were then cut open and the staff discussed with the children how they all looked the same on the inside, they then linked this to the previous activity and how we might all look different on the outside, but we are all the same inside.

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