



NEWSLETTER

MAY 2018

Kitchen

Just a reminder, if your child has a birthday coming up and you would like to request a cake, please ask a member of the team with at least one week's notice. These are at an additional cost of £5, payable by cash. All dietary requirements are catered for. Thank you, Susan.

Tiddler and Seahorse

This month, we are continuing our interest in physical play, using our tents, tunnels and slides.

We will be enjoying and exploring lots of sensory play with bubbles, soft materials and rhymes. We have already started to introduce sensory time into our routine and all the babies have thoroughly enjoyed it so far. This helps to stimulate their senses as well as providing a calmer environment for them to explore by turning off the main lighting in the room and introducing smaller coloured lights.

We will be joining in with May Day celebrations using various materials and will enjoy watching the older children dance around the Maypole.

For our home learning we will be sending home ideas to extend on what we have been doing at nursery. If your child has a particular interest please feel free to share it with us as we would love to support home interest as well.

Laura, Bronte, Matt, Ellen, Shannon

Goldfish

This month, in Goldfish our theme is animals. We will be incorporating the animals into our activities, such as animal printing in the paint, playing with ducks and underwater animals in the water. We will be freezing toy insects into ice and watching it melt to get them out again. We will also be creating different animal scenes such as a farm and dinosaur swamp in our tactile tray and making some tasty animal shaped treats.

Finally, to mark May Day we will be getting creative with various resources to create our own maypoles.

Sherrie-Anne & Lisa

Seashells

This month, the Seashells children are heavily focusing on colours. We are going to be looking at each colour individually and mark making with different medias. The Seashells children will also have the chance to explore many different tactile trays throughout the month, each with a different colour media in. For example, a red tactile tray may have red rice, red pots, red spoons, red tissue paper and other red materials in for the children to explore and learn about the colour red. This will develop the children's art and design skills as well as their communication and social skills.

The Seashells children have shown an interest in the bugs we have in the garden. We are going to be extending this interest by encouraging the children to join in with a bug hunt. We are also going to be making some bug pictures with different medias. These activities will develop the children's understanding of the world, their fine and gross motor skills, their social skills and their communication skills.

Kirsty, Katie & Emma

Starfish



During April, the Starfish children have been looking at the life cycle of a Frog, to continue their interest with the natural world in May we will look closely at the life cycle of the Caterpillar and its different stages. We have also introduced 'Sid' our new pet Giant African land snail to the starfish room. He has proved a huge success with the children, and has helped to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world as well as their communication skills.

Letter of the Month

May's letter of the month will be 'Q' we will be doing various activities to link with our letter such as mark making with quills and looking at quantities as well as some exciting sensory trays. These help to develop all areas of the children's learning, some of which include fine motor and maths skills. We encourage our children to think of objects beginning with the letter each circle time. Any items you have at home would be gratefully received to aid this.

A big thank you to Elliot's Mummy for knitting us a pig and penguin for our table - they are wonderful.

Book of the month

This month, our book of the month will be 'the Queens knickers', this will link with our letter as well as the Royal wedding and new Royal baby, giving the children an opportunity to talk about the Royal family. We will be making crowns to celebrate their special day.

Shape and Colour of the month

We will be focusing on a square and the colour red this month. Our new Starfish children have already become very focused with our shape box and eagerly wait their turn.

Reminders

Please continue to check your child's pouches. Each month we send home suggested home learning slips, we have also introduced a red flag which will be placed in the pouch if you have anything to sign, such as accident slips, etc.

Thank you for your support
Joanne, Wendy, Abbie, Hannah and Nicola.

Pre-School



As we move into May we are continuing with the children's interest in the stages at which things grow. The frogs were a huge success so we have moved on to a sunflower. The children will be plating their own sunflower seeds so they can watch them grow and, hopefully, see each stage for themselves. We will have various craft and tactile activities based around sunflowers for the children to explore. After that we will be moving on to the life cycle of a butterfly.

Letter of the week

To begin with we will be starting off the month with the letter P followed by Q,R,S and T. During our circle times we will be encouraging the children to think of items/objects beginning with this letter. We will be reading books with all things relating to the letter of the week. We will continue to use the hand writing sheets to develop their fine motor skills as well as the ability to form letters correctly. Any items you have at home beginning with these letters each week are gratefully received and used as part of our letter of the week box.



Colour and shape of the month



We are focusing on the colour yellow this month. In our tactile tray we will be using different media to create our own sunflowers as well as painting them. The children will be encouraged to select colours for a purpose, e.g. yellow for the petals. Our shape of the month is a triangle.

Book of the month

Our book of the month is 'My Little Book of Life Cycles'. This will give the children lots of opportunity to explore various life cycles of animals and plants in more detail. It will also help with their understanding of changes over time as well as growth and decay.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on Monday 18th June and Tuesday 19th June. There will be a poster going up on our main door so you are able to book a time slot with you child's key worker.

Reminders

- Please can we remind you to keep individual toys at home, its can cause upset amongst the group as well as them sometime getting broken. If your child wishes to bring a book to share this is fine.
- Please can you ensure your child has a small bag containing a couple of changes of clothes

As we move into the summer term please can we ask you let us know which school your child will be attending. We will then be able to make links with the school ready for your child's transition.

Thank you for your support
Cherye, Emma, Kim, Alec & Sophie

That's all for this month - Thank you!