Term 3- Newsletter

This has been a short but long term! We have had another difficult term of dealing with Covid, and hopefully now that we are seeing Spring arrive, we have everything crossed that next term goes smoothly.

World Book Day -Thursday 3rd March 2022
You are a READER

World Book Day is an annual charity event that began in 1995 and is celebrated in the UK and Ireland on the first Thursday in March. It’s also a time when authors, illustrators, books, and reading can be appreciated and celebrated in over 100 countries around the world.

On this day we would like the children to dress up as their favourite book character and also please allow your child to bring their favourite book from home. Please label the book with your child’s name.

Packed Lunches

A healthy lunch every day will give your child the energy and nutrients they need to grow, develop and learn. Clearly, there is a need to make the contents of lunch boxes healthier and more appetising to children. But this does not mean that they should miss out on all the things that they enjoy eating. Variety is the key to a healthier lunch box. It is all about getting a balance and a good variety of foods over a period of time, for example, a week. No single food can provide all the essential nutrients that the body needs. A healthier lunch box should be based on the eatwell plate food groups (see www.eatwell.gov.uk), which promote balance and variety in the diet. Parents should try to include something from each of the Eatwell food groups in the lunch box and ensure that this includes a drink. Bright and colourful foods with different tastes and textures should be encouraged. Fruit and vegetables do this naturally. If the food looks good then the chances are that children will want to try it. Please can packed lunches within Nursery provide the following:

- a sandwich, wrap, pasta dish or salad for main course;
- 2 x fruit or veg;
- optional healthy crisps;
- optional 1 x dairy product such as yoghurt or piece of cheese.
- Please remember we are a Nut Free School therefore Nutella can not be used, please do not use chocolate spread as an alternative to a sandwich filling.
- Please see the link below for choices of packed lunches

https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/

Dates for you Diary

- Monday 21st February 2022 - Nursery Open.
- Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day
- Tuesday 22nd March – Baby Room and Toddler Room Parents’ Evening
- Thursday 24th March – Pre-School Parents’ Evening
- End of Term- Nursery Closes Friday 1st April
Baby Room
This term in the Baby Room, we have enjoyed exploring the different interests of our children. We have looked at nursery rhymes, colours, wild animals and Chinese New Year.

Wild Animals
All the children have shown lots of interest in wild animals. We have been singing a new song called ‘Animal Boogie’. This has allowed the children to learn and join in with the different actions and sounds the animals make.

Colours
Some of our children have shown a big interest in colours. They enjoyed exploring different colours through a variety of activities. These included treasure baskets, sensory bottles, puzzles and tower building.

Our Favourite Books

Here’s what we have been up to:

Nursery Rhymes
We love ‘Song Time’ in the Baby Room. This term we have introduced some new songs; Sleeping Animals, Five Little Ducks and Five Little Monkeys. The children have really enjoyed learning these and the actions also.

Chinese New Year
We provided activities for the children to explore the festival of Chinese New Year. They enjoyed red and yellow playdough, tiger footprint stomp, tiger painting and looking at the vibrant colours through sensory play.
Toddler Room – Term 3

This term, the toddlers have been looking at people who help us. We have explored road safety and the colours of the traffic lights by painting our own. We have been helping our animals in the Toddlers very own veterinary surgery where we took the animal’s temperatures and gave them medicine to feel better. The children joined in role playing Police and firefighters where the children learnt we needed good teamwork to help hold the firehose to put out the fire.

Here’s what we have been up to:

It has been National Story Telling Week so we have been reading some familiar stories like ‘we’re going on a bear hunt’ and listened to some new stories like ‘monkey puzzle’. We made our own animal mask’s. The children chose from monkeys, tigers or snakes!

We took part in the RSPB great bird watch where we learnt about different kinds of birds and the different sounds they make. The children enjoyed spotting the different colours of the feathers.

We had a Goldilocks and the Three Bears day where we had a teddy bears tea party where we poured tea and shared food between the bears. We also made our very own porridge but we found it was too hot, so we went for a little walk just like the bears. As we were walking we thought goldilocks might eat our porridge but to our luck she didn’t! we added bananas to our porridge and ate it all up.

On Friday, we celebrated Chinese New Year. We explored sticky noodles in our tuff tray and used tweezers to try to pick them up. We paint our very own Chinese dragon using different methods, some children used rollers others used paint brushes.
Pre-school Room - Term 3
What a busy term it has been in the Pre-school room. We have been learning about different types of transport, along with looking at celebrations and events happening around the world.

We enjoyed joining in the great British bird watch. We went for a walk to spot the birds, using our home-made binoculars. Unfortunately, we didn’t spot many unusual birds, but we did see magpies, seagulls, sparrows and starlings. We have then helped the birds by making some bird feeders, which we have hung up around the field, so no birds should go hungry!

We had great fun on Australia day, finding Australia on a map, making the Australian flag and finding out all about the animals that are found in Australia. We even had a picnic while watching some fireworks, we were just missing the nice hot weather!

Here’s what we have been up to:
Our Transport topic has been on-going throughout the whole term and we have created train stories and pretended to go on aeroplane ride with Miss Bev and Miss Emese both acting as very convincing airport officials, checking our passports and showing us the emergency exits! Designing rockets, making cars with wheels that go around and flying paper aeroplanes have all been fun activities.

Please upload any photos from your half term to your child’s Tapestry account.