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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had the most magical Christmas and we would like to wish you a very happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. On behalf of all the staff, we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the lovely cards, gifts and kind words that we received before the Christmas holidays, we were all very touched by the generosity of our children and families.

We are starting the New Year on a positive note and hoping to be able to run our parent events planned for February and March. We'll keep you updated if we are unable to run these due to any further restrictions being enforced—in the meantime registration is open!

Read on to see what we've been up to already this term and for details of all our forthcoming events and how to register. We can't wait to share some special times with our Leapfrog families very soon!

The Leapfrog Team

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Staff News

Introducing Shia, Aisha and Jasmine who have joined us this term as apprentice practitioners. Jasmine will be joining our baby room team whilst Shia and Aisha will join Toddlers. We look forward to working with them as they progress through their level 3 NVQ in childcare and are delighted they've settled into their new roles so quickly!



Shia
Baby Room



Aisha
Baby Room



Jasmine
Toddler Room



Two-Three's

Congratulations to Helen, who is about to start her maternity leave ready for her baby, due in March. We all wish Helen the best and can't wait to meet her little one in the Spring.



Monika
Housekeeper



Georgie
Housekeeper

A warm welcome to Monika who has been working alongside Georgie in the housekeeping team. We are so grateful to this team for everything they do behind the scenes every day.

Throughout the year Leapfrog Nursery also supports students from local schools, colleges and universities providing invaluable work experience to the next generation of Early Years practitioners.

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Building on success

We are extremely grateful that we have an incredible team that strive to deliver outstanding practice and the highest quality care and education to your children. To support this, we are committed to ongoing staff development at all levels.



That's why we are delighted to announce that between January and July 2022, team leaders and managers at Leapfrog Nursery will be taking part in the Government funded, Early Years Professional Development Programme — Building on Success.

Designed to support children whose learning has been most impacted by COVID-19, this training builds on existing skills in supporting and teaching early language and early maths and personal social and emotional development (PSED). For further details along with access to expert resources for parents looking to support their child's communication skills [click here](#).

Healthy teeth, happy smiles!

Look who has joined us this term! Allie the Alligator is about to make a snappy impression as he shares his oral health tips to help us care for our teeth. He's brought his toothbrush so we can practise our teeth cleaning skills along with some fun activities to help us understand how eating a healthy diet is kinder to our teeth.

The children would love a visit in the setting from any parents who are dental nurses or dentists. If you're able to spend some time sharing your knowledge with them to support this learning please contact the office - we'd love to hear from you.

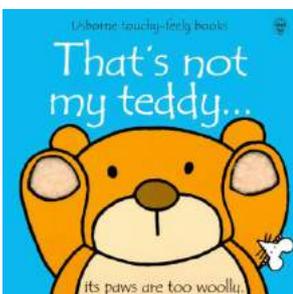


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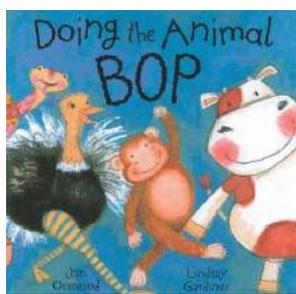
World Book Day

We can't wait for World Book Day when children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and their rooms will be themed with story related activities throughout the week of the 28th February. We have shared the books chosen by the rooms below so that you can enjoy these at home too if you wish.

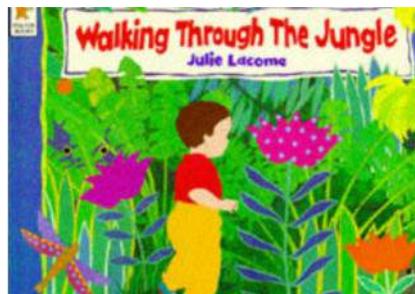
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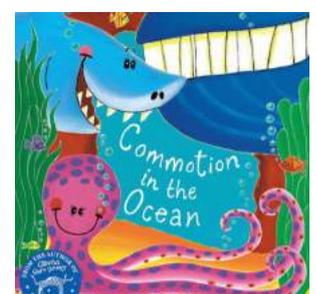
Toddlers



Two-threes



Pre School



Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite storybook character and bring a book in to share with their friends too. It would also be lovely if you could spare 30 minutes or so to come into nursery to read one of your children's favourite stories. Please either let your child's key person or the office staff know which session you'd like to attend: 10:00-11:00 / 11:00-12:00 / 14:00-15:00 / 15:00-16:00.

Charity of the term

We hope you are enjoying your budding artist's work which featured in our November 'Children in Need' art gallery. Thank you for your donations as together we raised a total of £1,544.

This term we will be supporting Comic Relief with something for the children and adults too!



Children are invited to '**wear something red to nursery day**'. From Spiderman to Minnie Mouse let your imaginations run wild. In exchange for a donation children can come dressed in red, as something red or maybe wear a comic relief t-shirt on Friday 18th March.

WIN! A table for 4 at the Wedgewood Rooms Comedy club

This year more than ever we could do with a laugh! Enter our 'Unleash the Laughter' raffle by popping a minimum donation of £5 in a clearly named envelope to purchase your ticket at the nursery by 17th March. The winner will be announced on Friday 18th March. All proceeds will be donated to Comic Relief.

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Parent Nursery Events

Understanding Young Children's Behaviour Workshops

Thursday 17th February 6:45-8:30pm

Are you a parent of a child aged 18 months-3 years who is refusing to follow instructions, becoming frequently frustrated and/or experiencing tantrums and meltdowns?

Our October workshops proved to be so popular we will be running another evening session this February. Join us and gain insight to help you understand how children's brain development impacts their behaviour and this is all part of your child's current stage of development. Discover how the language you use can trigger a different behavioural response and come away with strategies to help you and your child manage expected behaviour and emotions.

Here's what parents said they liked about the last workshop:

'All of it... Most people should learn this stuff!'

'Learning about the brain and understanding different types of tantrums—very informative'

'Really interesting/strategies'

School Readiness Parent Workshop

Tuesday 29th March 6:45-8:15pm

Designed for parents of children due to start school in September 2022, this evening workshop provides insights into how you can prepare your child for their next leap in learning. Over tea and biscuits, there will also be an informal opportunity to meet with and chat to other parents whose children will be attending the same school.

Mother's Day Events

To celebrate Mother's Day the children would like to invite their Mummy's and Nannies to a fun event at the Nursery. Events will be held from the 29th-31st March and include a teddy bear's picnic, creative sensory and a Mother's day café. Please note that there is a maximum of 2 adults per family and due to limited space we are unable to accommodate older siblings for this event.

Babies Tuesday 29 March 4:00-5:00

Toddlers Tuesday 29 March 4:00-5:00

2-3's Wednesday 30 March 4:15-5:15

Preschool Thursday 31st March 11:00-12:00 / 4:15-5:15

For full details and to book your place on our parental workshops simply click [here](#).

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Baby Room

Rhymes and songs are an important part of babies play and babies enjoy joining in with them throughout the nursery day as we support and develop children's language and understanding. Rhymes are fantastic vocabulary boosters, often featuring a pleasing rhythmic pattern and simple repetitive phrases that babies find easy to remember and repeat. They've really enjoyed making animal noises as we've joined together to sing 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' and 'Old MacDonald'. Some noises have been very entertaining!

During January we have also introduced some new physical play for children with our animal snow trays—it is Winter after all! Children have explored the trays with curiosity as they notice the marks left in the snow as they move the animals around, with older babies beginning to use single words to name them too.

Have fun at home by making your own snowy play tray by mixing baking soda with a small amount (1 squirt) of shaving foam. Add to a large tray with sides along with a few props your child might be interested in at the moment. If you'd like to take a photograph to upload to tapestry we'd love to see them in action!



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Toddler Room

Speech and sound development is a progressive process and to support children with their communication and language. We have been focusing on this area of learning within the room through rhyme and song—this term children have particularly enjoyed 'Old MacDonald'. Children start by learning to form sounds and then learning to form words so we've been introducing lots of animal noises as we sing the rhyme together. The children find it really funny to join in and copy the noises with their friends. Children have also been encouraged to begin to use single words such as 'cow' and two word sentences such as 'big horse' to name and describe the animal props as they explore the 'Old MacDonald' rhyme tray.

Little hands have also been busy using one handed tools, mixing baking soda and shaving foam together to make 'snow' for the animals... it is Winter after all! It's fun, messy and helps children develop their gross motor skills at the same time. Continue the learning at home by mixing a simple cake together or adding a whisk to the bath with bubbles at bath time. If you'd like to take a photograph to upload to tapestry we'd love what they get up to!



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Two-Three Room

We've had a wonderful time bringing our focus story 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears' to life by taking on the role of various characters and recalling words and phrases from the book. Using props such as bowls, chairs, bed and sorting bears by size we've also been developing our understanding of 'big' and 'small' as we retell the story.

Continue the learning at home with more fun and engaging activities to support your child's language development:

Create a story sack consisting of your child's favourite book and props based on the main characters. Give the children the props to hold up when the character is referred to when telling the story whilst encouraging them to act out any actions or say any words or sounds the character might be making.

Following the theme of our focus story, make a warming bowl of porridge together talking about the story as you do. Let them add their favourite fruits or toppings and if you'd like to take a photograph to upload to tapestry we'd love to see what they get up to!



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Pre School Room

Together with our friends we've had great fun acting out our new focus story 'The Gruffalo's child' and enjoying some related activities.

One of our favourites has been exploring ice and how we can use a variety of materials and tools such as salt and hammers to break or melt the ice to free the Gruffalo animals. We've also enjoyed making our own snow for our snow foam tray where we've made marks and formed familiar letters with our fingers and tools.

These simple science activities have helped support our communication and language development as we talk and listen to their friends as we try different approaches and experience different and produce (sometimes unexpected) results.

Manipulating these materials also helps to develop the flexibility, control and gripping strength of our hand and forearm muscles necessary for activities such as writing and gripping in sport.



To continue the play at home make you own snow tray with shaving foam or a mixture of bi-carbonate of soda and a squirt of shaving foam. Next add your child's favourite characters to the tray to encourage them to create their own story-lines and to make marks and form letters from their name. If you'd like to take a photograph to upload to tapestry we'd love to see what they get up to!

Dates at a glance

Parent Workshop / Stay & Play Sessions

17th February 6:45-8:30pm - Understanding Young Children's Behaviour

29th March 6:45-8:15pm - School Readiness

Nursery Events

28th February-4th March : World Book Day

18th March : Red Nose Day

29th March 4:00-5:00pm : Babies Mothers' Day Event

29th March 4:00-5:00pm : Toddler Mothers' Day Event

30th March 4:15-5:15pm : 2-3 Mothers' Day Event

31st March 11:00-12:00/4:15-5:15 : Pre School Mothers' Day Event

Holiday and Closure Dates

15th February : 4:00 Closure for Staff Training

7th April : 4:00 Closure for Staff Training

15th April : Good Friday

18th April : Easter Monday

2nd May : May Bank Holiday

Funded Term Time Only

21st -25th February : Half Term Holiday

8th April : Last day of Spring Term

25th April : First day of Summer Term

For full details and to book your place at any of our events click [here](#)

Look out for our regular event round up email for further details as events approach

* ATTENTION *

Important information—please read

Outdoor Clothing

Recent weather has been quite wet and is also getting colder. So that you child can enjoy the garden in comfort, please ensure your child brings a pair of wellington boots and suitable outdoor wear for the colder weather (including hat, gloves and coat). All items should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

COVID Restrictions

These will be reviewed at the latest by the 26th January or following any further Government updates. We will keep you informed of any changes via email. In the meantime, here's a reminder of current restrictions in place at Leapfrog Nursery:

- Drop off and collection continues to be at the designated entrances with no parent access
- Could we kindly remind parents that they need to wear a mask when talking to staff
- If your child has a high temperature, continuous new cough, or loss of taste smell, you will need to keep them at home and have a PCR test
- Any child with the above symptoms, will needed to be collected immediately and to have a PCR test
- In the event of a positive lateral flow or PCR isolation is now 7 days. Children can then return to Nursery subject to negative lateral flow results on the 6th and 7th day (taken 24 hours apart)
- Ensure your family undertakes twice weekly lateral flow tests and follow latest government guidance regarding isolation and PCR testing

2022 School Applications

A reminder that Year R applications open on the 1st November and must be made by the 15th January 2022. For admission details click [here](#).



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