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Dear Parents and Carers

We'd like to start by thanking our children and families for the Christmas cards, gifts and good wishes we received. We were very touched and hope that you all had a wonderful time over the festive period together.

Welcome to our latest newsletter which includes details of our most recent visitor to the nursery since Father Christmas last December! Last week we welcomed a visit from our fire fighting friend, Beth, from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service. Read on to learn more...

We do hope you enjoy and find our newsletters useful. If you have any suggestions for improvement we're always eager to hear! In the meantime, here's a reminder of what you can expect inside each edition:

- * Dates and details of parent events coming up each term with easy online booking
- * Staffing updates to ensure you're familiar with different faces in the nursery
- * Special events to help raise funds for our chosen charities
- * Inspiration and insight into how families and Leapfrog can support children's learning together
- * Dedicated room pages with insights into what your child has been experiencing recently and what's coming up next
- * Dates at a glance providing a summary of dates for your diary so you don't miss a thing

So grab a cuppa while you catch up with the fun times the children and staff are having. There's plenty of activities planned for children and parents this term, so don't forget to book on as we'd love to see you there!

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Staff News



Welcome to Karla

Join us in welcoming several new staff this term. Firstly meet Karla who has a Degree in Early Childhood and Family studies. Just prior to Christmas, she joined our over 2's team.



Introducing our placement students Dami and Imogen

Dami continues to study at Portsmouth University for her Early Childhood Studies degree and is joined by Imogen (whose photograph will follow soon). Both will work with the toddler team on Wednesdays and Fridays.



Farewell and good wishes

We bid farewell to Ben who has recently left the nursery after 14 years with Leapfrog and to Shia who completed her apprenticeship. We will miss them both and wish them all the best in their future careers.



Charity of the term



Children In Need rolled round at the end of the year. We hope you are enjoying your budding artist's work which featured in our November 'Children in Need' art gallery. Thank you to those who donated tasty cakes for our cake sale as well as purchasing your child's artwork - together we raised a total of £1011.25 for a great cause.

We're looking forward to our annual Barnardo's toddle which will be held this Summer. Further details will follow nearer the time.

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Fired up!

Last week we were thrilled to welcome our first visitor of 2023, Beth Medway, Crew Manager from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue. Pre-school children heard about the different ways the fire and rescue service help people and Beth showed us what she wears to keep herself safe when she's working.



The best bit was having fun taking turns at putting on fire jackets and helmets. Children especially loved trying on Beth's special helmet complete with lights (which was very heavy!).



We also talked about how we can keep ourselves safe if there is a fire and we even had our own evacuation when the fire alarm sounded.

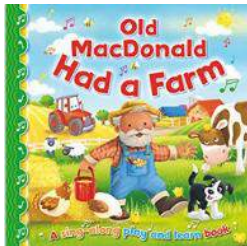
Unfortunately the Fire Engine was busy rescuing some people so wasn't able to visit on the day but we are hoping it might be able to visit another time. Thank you to Beth for taking the time to come and see us. You may just have inspired a fresh intake of junior fire fighters.

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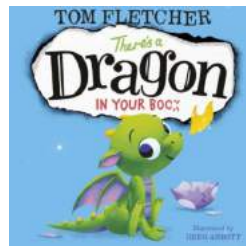
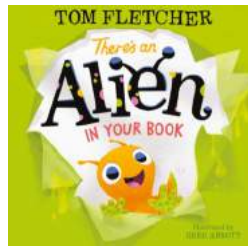
Families and Leapfrog Learning Together

****NEW** World Book Day Stay and Play Sessions**

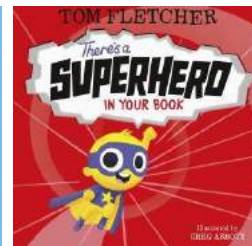
We can't wait for World Book Day when children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and their rooms will be themed with story related activities throughout the week of the 27th February.



Toddlers



Over 2's



On Thursday 2nd March we are hosting our first Book Day Stay and Play sessions where you are invited to come into the nursery and see first hand how fun activities, inspired by stories further support your child's language and communication development. We have detailed the books children will be sharing in their rooms above so that you can enjoy these at home too. To book your place, please follow the link at the bottom of the page.

Master Mathematician (Over 3's) Parent Workshop

This fun, practical hands-on workshop has been designed for parents of pre-school aged children. Come along and join the pre-school team who will introduce the terminology used in early years maths. The workshop will also provide you with the opportunity to try out some of the activities that support children's early mathematical development around counting sets, number words and numerals. We will introduce you to the skills children need to be able to master maths, potential difficulties they might encounter and how to help with these.

Mother's Day Events

To celebrate Mother's Day the children would like to invite their Mummy's to a fun event at the Nursery. Events will be held from the 13-18th March with different events being hosted in each room including a toddler's teddy bear's picnic, 2-3's creative sensory and a pre-school mother's day café. Please note that there is a maximum of 1 adult per family and due to limited space we are unable to accommodate siblings for this event.

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

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Babies and Toddlers Room

Our toddlers do love a good rhyme! This term we have been enjoying a variety of different rhymes, introducing nouns and verbs to the children supporting their vocabulary development. They've particularly enjoyed 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes' and 'If you're happy and you know it' which has introduced children to body part nouns and verbs in terms of the actions they can make with their bodies.



Rhymes are just one of the ways we are supporting your child's communication and literacy development. Most babies and toddlers learn nouns first ie people's names, places and objects. This is followed by the addition of verbs such as jump, clap, stamp, run. With this extended vocabulary children will then begin to construct short phrases together by putting two words together.

Our next rhyme will be 'Wind the bobbin up', another rhyme that supports the early vocabulary of action pull, clap and point and nouns of door, window and hands.

Next term we'll be holding a workshop for parents who want to discover more about the stages of young children's language development along with tips and techniques to help support and encourage your child as they learn whilst having fun together.

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Over 2's Room

With World Book Day approaching we thought it would be nice to share some of the activities your children are enjoying as they develop their communication and literacy.

The younger children are being supported to use more expressive language, sharing their own ideas and thinking. The children who have mastered this skill are now being prompted by 'how' and 'why' open-ended questions providing them with the opportunity to try, fail, hypothesise, experiment and succeed on their own.

Children have shown a particular interest in designing and building. We have seen some fantastic results in their use of language including some great mark-making and designing.

With the colder weather we have also been introducing children to chill activities relating to the season. Children have been looking at different building including igloos and experimenting with ice and water.



After observing a drawing that his friend had drawn Henry worked to build the design
"Can you see I'm building the Halloween show?... this is the stage (pointing to the wooden blocks) and these are the pumpkins (pointing to the magnetic shapes)".



Dates at a glance

World Book Day Stay & Play Sessions

2nd March 3:00-4:00pm : Toddler World Book Day Stay & Play

2nd March 9:15-10:15am : Over 2's World Book Day Stay & Play

Parent Workshop

7th March 6:45-8:30pm - Over three's Master Mathematician

Nursery Events

27th February-3rd March : World Book Day

15th March 3:00-4:00pm: Toddler Mothers' Day Event

15th March 9:15-10:15am : 2-3's Mothers' Day Event

17th March 3:00-4:00pm : Pre School Mothers' Day Event

Holiday and Closure Dates

23rd February : 4:00pm Early closure for Staff Training

30th March : 4:00pm Early closure for Staff Training

7th April : Good Friday

10th April : Easter Monday

1st May : May Bank Holiday

8th May : Bank Holiday for the Coronation of King Charles III

Funded Term Time Only

13th –17th February : Half Term Holiday

31st March : Last day of Spring Term

17th April : First day of Summer Term

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

*** ATTENTION ***

Important information - please read

Outdoor clothing

Please ensure your child brings a pair of wellington boots and suitable outdoor wear, including a hat and gloves to keep them warm during outdoor play.

FOR SALE: Leapfrog all in one zip up suits £15.00

Available from the nursery office on request

Water bottles

Children in our over 2's/pre-school room should be provided with a clearly labelled water bottle.

Labelling

To avoid items being lost, please can you ensure that all of your child's clothing and accessories (including hats, wellies and shoes) are clearly labelled and please check lost property frequently.

Bringing items into nursery

Please could we remind parents to make sure that your children do not bring any toys in from home, other than dummies or comforters (which will be used at sleep times and then put straight back in the child's bag).

Arrivals and Collection

To accompany your child into their room please arrive between 8:00-8:45am or 1:00-1:15pm and vacate the room by 8:45am/1:15pm

After 8:45am/1:15pm a member of staff will collect your child from the main door.

Collections include pick up at 4:00, 4:30, 5:00, 5:30 and anytime up to 6:00pm. Please continue to advise of planned pick up time on arrival.



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