



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Lynn, Day Care Manager

Welcome back everyone to the start of the new term – where did the Summer go!?

For those of you who were not here over the Summer, we hope that you like the changes we have been making to our setting! We have had new carpets laid, incorporated Cream Cornwall resources, revamped our outside areas, introduced chickens to our setting which have been a huge hit with the children, our staff have new uniforms which we think are much brighter and we are now just awaiting our new internal signs which will go up later this month!

We are delighted to have Sasha join us as our new Early Years Teacher and I am personally delighted to now become the setting's Day Care Manager having covered Aimee whilst she is on maternity. Aimee has chosen not to return to her previous role with us and we wish her and her family all the best for the future!

Of course we are still buzzing having been rated 'outstanding' by Ofsted in all areas! However we can assure you we still have lots of fresh new ideas to continue in our mission to give all children in our care the best start in life!

This month will see the introduction of 30 hours funding for all 3 and 4 year olds – please be aware that when your eligibility code becomes due for a renewal, you will be contacted by the DWP. Once this has been renewed please advise Vicky in the office of your new eligibility code as this is needed for us to support continued eligibility.

We hope you will be able to join us on the 29th September 9am – 11am for our Macmillan Coffee Morning! If you would like to join our 'bake-off' competition please pop your name on the list of the office door – we look forward to judging them!! If you would like to donate cakes for the morning, please can you bring these in on the day, thank you.

Finally, we have brought in a new rate for our Holiday Care children – if your child is currently at school and wishes to join our Holiday Club as from October, we have a new daily rate for this provision of £15 for those wishing to attend between 9am and 4pm. If you require a longer day this will be charged at our hourly rate.

Lynn



Abi, Under Twos Manager

This month in the Under 2's room we will be focussing on the teddy bears picnic and transport.

We will be creating a teddy bears picnic for role play and hopefully will go out for a walk to the woods to collect twigs and leaves. This will link to the world and space, shape and measure in the EYFS. We always love being creative, so there will be plenty of artwork to do such as glueing and sticking, painting and stamping. This links to exploring media and other materials.

In Under 2's we will also be looking at different forms of transport, and weather permitting we will take a walk up to the bus station, train station and the farm to see the tractors. We will be mark making with the wheels of the toy vehicles and looking at the different prints that they make.

There will be different sized vehicles to help the children understand big and small, along with categorising which links into numbers in the EYFS.



Claire, Littles Manager and Deputy Manager

September in the Little's room is all about Teddy Bears. We will start our month based on the book Goldilocks and the three bears, which links to various areas of the EYFS, including literacy and communication and language. The children will explore wet and dry porridge oats during sensory play and also eat some yummy porridge. The children will learn about different sized bears to help with their mathematics and understanding.

Then the Little's room will be going on a bear hunt. We will use the local woods to explore the story. Please send in wellies and coats so we can pop to the woods whenever possible. This links into understanding the world and exploring media and materials in the EYFS.

At the end of the month we will have a teddy bears picnic (letters will be sent home closer to the time). The children will be making cakes and sandwiches and biscuits to share with their teddy bears.

Please check the Little's room door for the Makaton signs we will be learning this month, this really helps with the children's communication.



Sasha, Early Years Teacher – Pre-School

Hello and welcome to the start of a new term – how exciting! It has been really lovely meeting most of you over the last few weeks and I look forward to meeting those families I have not met very soon. For those of you that I have yet to meet, my name is Sasha and I recently started as an Early Years Teacher within the Pre-school room. Please feel free to come in and introduce yourselves as well, the door is always open if you would like to come in for a chat, to share something your child has done or just to see all the exciting things we have been getting up to in pre-school!

We are starting our new term with an 'All About Me' theme, this will help the children to settle in, get to know each other and each other's interests to help form relationships, self-confidence, a sense of belonging and also to support the children in managing their feelings and behaviour. It would be really great if you and your child could put together an 'All About Me' bag to bring into pre-school the week beginning Monday the 25th September. This can be any kind of bag you have at home to fill with a few special items to the child – perhaps a family photo, a favourite toy / outfit, or something personal / special to them, which they can share and talk about with their friends (Please do not worry we will take good care of anything that is brought in). This aims for the children to learn more about each other and themselves and develop their speaking, understanding and listening skills. I think it is also quite a nice activity for you to do together at home too. ☺

We will also be looking at where we live, pets, different families, health and self-care and generally learning more about themselves and others. As we follow the children's interests the order and content of this may vary from week to week. For example looking at pets, may lead to learning about different animals, such as animals from the farm, zoo or sea, or looking at different types of housing may lead to different ways of living around the world. This enables us to engage and motivate the children to learn continuously, through meeting their individual needs and interests by encouraging them to suggest and direct ideas for their own learning.

Your child will also be coming home with a new 'All about me' form, if you could please fill this in so we have up to date information and please feel free to add anything you like to Tapestry – as we absolutely love to see what great things you have been getting up to at home. Also would it be possible to label your children's clothing please, so we know who to give jumpers and coats back to if they are left behind. Many thanks!



Allana, Out of School & Holiday Club Manager

To start off our new term we are talking about our dreams, as our topic is the BFG. We have lots of BFG activities to complete throughout the month, including making our own dream jars and a life size BFG.

We will also be making a time capsule to fill up with children's letters and pictures, which we will save and open up this time next year.

Our October Half Term Holiday Club Activities will be uploaded to our website soon – don't forget, you can now choose our new rate of £15 if you wish to only attend the hours between 9am and 4pm!!! Do let us know – additional hours are available at our hourly rate if you require a longer day.

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