



March Newsletter

We are pleased to bring you the March newsletter, sharing with you some of the children's activities and areas of learning along with tips on how to support learning at home

A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM SHARON AVERY AND TINA EVANS

Looking back at the month of February, The children took a huge interest as we transformed our home corner role play areas into Chinese restaurants. This lead the children to use a great amount of imagination during their exploratory play, learning about Chinese culture and cuisine.

The children also enjoyed live Pancake making demonstrations where we all talked about our favourite toppings and tasted some new fruits.

Moving into March we are looking forward to our Easter party!

Best Wishes

Sharon Avery, Nursery Manager & Tina Evans, Deputy Manager



The Butterfly Room have had a very busy restaurant today.



Pancake Day
What's your Favourite Topping?

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BABY ROOM



During March, Baby Room will be learning about **Farm Animals**.

The children will be participating in a variety of sensory explorations which will help them to understand the world more by experiencing different textures during play.

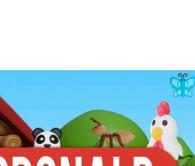
The children will be exploring different activities that will enhance their communication and language skills such as singing nursery rhymes and reading books.

The children will be participating in sensory activities using our tuff trays with different materials for the children to explore.

To support children's learning, parents could question their children on the different farm animals and the sounds they make.



Farm animal puppet show



Farm Animal Tuff tray – Wash the muddy animals

Using puppets in the child care curriculum is an enjoyable way to promote children's learning of new skills and concepts. Puppets are beneficial during play as it increases their communication and social skills by providing structured opportunities to interact with the puppets.

Puppet shows allow the children to develop their personal, social and emotional development as it gives them confidence to express themselves whilst interacting with others.

Tuff tray activities give the children the opportunity to develop their senses and experience a range of different textures whilst learning about farm animals and their home.

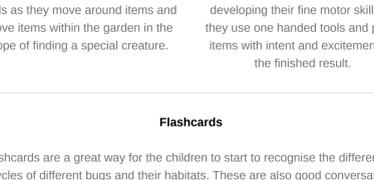
Sensory play makes learning more fun for the children.



Farm Animal Music Basket

Music baskets and song time are great ways to enhance the children's communication and language skills. Children enjoy the "Old MacDonald had a farm" nursery rhyme, so incorporating this song into music time will help the children to learn the different farm animals.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM



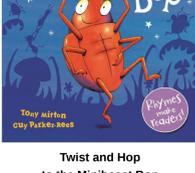
During March, the **Caterpillar Room** will be learning about Bugs and Mini-beasts.

The children will be taking part in a range of activities, such as bug hunting in the garden, glueing and sticking using natural and man made resources, using flash cards to talk about bug life cycles and their different habitats.

To support the children's learning at home, parents can talk about different bugs they might see when out walking and where they live.

Singing songs such as "Incy Wincy Spider" will help develop children's communication and pronunciation skills.

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Bug Hunting



Glueing and sticking

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Glueing and sticking allows the children to experience different materials and textures along with developing their fine motor skills as they use one handed tools and place items with intent and excitement for the finished result.

Flashcards

Flashcards are a great way for the children to start to recognise the different life cycles of different bugs and their habitats. These are also good conversation starters for group discussions, building confidence and new vocabulary.



BABY ROOM AND CATERPILLAR ROOM BOOKS OF THE MONTH



Twist and Hop to the Minibeast Bop



One Little Butterfly

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM

The **Butterfly Class** will be focusing on Communication and Language, this will run alongside the Bucks Communication and Language week.

The Butterfly Class will

- Engage in conversations
- Explore with play
- Read together

The development of children's spoken language underpins all 7 areas of learning and development, 3 and 4 year olds should be actively learning and asking questions.



BUTTERFLY ROOM BOOK OF THE MONTH



Are you a monster?

To support your children at home parents can read a book then ask simple questions about the book they have just read. Talk about weekend plans and ask them about memories they might have of a special occasion.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

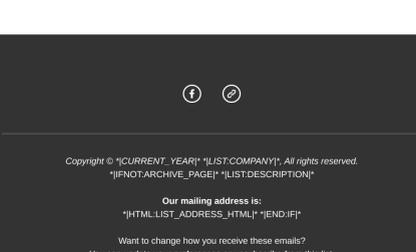
1st March we will be celebrating St David's Day. Children will be making Daffodil pictures and having Welsh cakes for tea.

7th March is World Book Day. Each class will have a special book for the day and planned themed activities.

15th March we will be celebrating St Patrick's Day. Children can wear green and we will make bread and shamrock pictures.

25th March we will be celebrating Holi by making colourful artwork in the garden.

28th March Millwood House Day Nursery Easter Party.



Enter our Chocolate themed Bake Off for a chance to win the Millwood House Master Chef 2024 title.

We have 3 categories to enter;

- Parents
- Children
- Staff

All entries will be sold at judging to raise money for Marie Curie.

28th March

2.30pm-5.00pm

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