



Dear Parents and carers

21 June 2021

We had a fantastic week last week. Sooo much going on in all the classrooms, it really is fantastic to see the children having fun and engaged in their learning. The staff transitions have been great and the new teams have formed brilliantly- honestly we are so proud of our staff team and the children, everyone has been wonderful and it really does make a lovely place to work. I think the cream tea at the start of the week and the bouncy castle may also have helped too- although the babies might not agree judging by most of their faces in the last photo!



Bhangra dance lesson



We are excited to have a visitor to the setting on Tuesday. Jee from Bhangra Dance and Fitness, is coming in to teach us some Bhangra moves and show us her very loud and wonderful Dhol drum. With ankle bells, coloured scarfs and lovely disco lights we are confident the children will learn a lot from this session and enjoy moving around to some fun and pacey music. The session will be held outside and all the

children will get a chance to meet Jee and join in her lesson. We will be following this up with an indian themed lunch for the children as chef Gemma is cooking up curry and rice with popadoms and mint sauce. What an exciting morning that should be.

Teddy Bears Picnic

Calling all teddy bears..... This Friday, we are planning a teddy's bear picnic.. Gemma is planning a picnic platter for the children to have at dinnertime. Weather permitting we are hopeful that we will be able to eat outside together, as a whole nursery but if the rain does come we will set up camp in our classrooms and enjoy our feast regardless. Children are encouraged to bring in a teddy from home to share the experince with but don't worry if you forget- we do have spares.



Loose parts plea



When out on the large playground the children absolutely love our loose parts collection. Each day they will use the milk crates, planks of wood, cable reels and the climbing frame to make the most fantastic obstacle courses, towers, pathways etc. It's great because it changes everyday and the children design how it will turn out and work together to create these masterpieces. When the children have gone inside and we view the playground there is clearly a lot of what we call "play residue" around the loose parts area. Others might call it mess but this play residue is a sign that children have been using an area well and that learning has been taking place.

So, due to the popularity and versatility of this area we would love to develop it further and add some more resources. Therefore we are asking if anyone has any lengths of wood or guttering they could donate please, wooden ladders would be amazing too or maybe logs and long sticks. Large fabric squares to drape over to make a den or tubes to make tunnels etc hopefully you get the idea. We are receptive to most 'junk' as we think given the chance the children will do their own thing with it and create their own learning opportunities.

Sunflower update

We have been having lots of photos in of the children with their sunflowers. It really is lovely to see them and makes us smile. When we share the photos with the children, they really are proud and also surprised that the photo has made it into nursery. They love that they can show their friends the photo and like telling us what's going on (which is great for communication). So we can celebrate these achievements, we have created a display purposefully for sunflower photos (see photo) and we would love to fill it with photos from home. Not only will it be lovely for the children to see their photo on the wall but also, it is a great timeline to show the growth of our flowers and how they started off so small. Please keep sending your photos to halesfield@telfordnursery.org Don't panic, if you didn't manage to grow a sunflower, you are more than welcome to send in a photo of your child doing something creative in the garden.



Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnursery.org/files/Summer_Term_2021_Week_9_Menu.pdf
- Bhangra dance lesson Tuesday 22 June
- Teddy Bears Picnic Friday 25 June
- Link to our achieving positive behaviour policy
<http://www.telfordnursery.org/files/policies/5.1%20Achieving%20positive%20behaviour.pdf>
- Last day of term Wednesday 21st July- term time children finish.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Childs'.

Helen Childs
Nursery Manager

