



Dear Parents and carers

22 November 2021

Last week we had lots of fun looking and learning about stars. We talked about star constellations and what they are made of and when we can see them. The children were finding hidden stars, which was lots of fun and we learnt a new breathing technique called 'star breathing' which is design to help promote calmness and relaxation. We also had lots of fun and ended the week with a PJ day for Children in Need. It was great to see everyone taking part and enjoying doing something different. Thank you for the donations we have forwarded to Children in Need.

This week our topic is darkness so we will be using the new light box, lighting up the torches and fairy lights and looking at shadows on the projector. This is the last week of our Autumn topics and then we move onto our Winter themes.

Children's sickness



We have had quite a lot of poorly children in nursery the last couple of weeks, a few with sickness and diarrhoea, some with conjunctivitis and some with hand foot and mouth. All are unpleasant to have, but they are common childhood illnesses that are usual for this time of year, so sadly it is all to be expected. We have had to ring many parents to send children for tests, doctor consultations or to rest up at home. Thank you to all of those contacted, for being so accommodating and supportive we really do appreciate it. As always, the staff in nursery don't want to ring parents and disrupt their day but sometimes it just must be done for the welfare of the child.

We have stepped up the cleaning in nursery to ensure that we minimise any cross contamination between children but ultimately the best way to minimise spread of most illnesses is to keep poorly children off and monitor their recovery at home. Thank you again for your ongoing support on this.

Santa Dash

This year to help us fundraise we have planned a very fun and different event. We want the children to take part in a sponsored Santa Dash. Most days children will get out and about and run a few laps of the nursery driveway as part of our daily mile scheme but week commencing the 13th December, we have decided to turn our daily mile session into a Santa themed run. Children will be given the opportunity to run to some fun Christmas music with their friends whilst wearing Santa hats. We will be encouraging children to collect sponsorship money before the event to help us raise some funds for the nursery kitty. A letter and sponsor form will be sent out shortly, but any questions please do contact the nursery.



Community Library



Just a reminder that we have our community library still running for everyone. The library is located outside the preschool fire gate on the carpark, it's disguised as a filing cabinet. All children are welcome to use the library- it has a variety of different books. The service is free and is for everyone to use- the intent is to get children excited about books and enjoying being read to. Please do pop and use it, if you get chance.

EYPDP

Staff are currently undertaking some wonderful training as part of the Elklan Early Years Professional Development Programme. The training is being delivered as part of a national government initiative to improve children's outcomes in early language, literacy and mathematics. We do feel privileged to be on the training as not many local settings have had the opportunity to take part and it is really helping us to reflect on our practice and work on the opportunities, we provide to children to improve their learning outcomes. At the end of the training the nursery will have earned Communication Friendly Status and the staff will have up to date training on how to support children who have a Speech, Language and Communication Need. We will keep you updated on our progress and hope to share some of the information we have learnt along the way to. Well done to all the staff for their commitment and dedication- it really does make our nursery the setting it is.

Early Years

Professional Development Programme

Madeley Matters



Once again, we have made it into the local Madeley Matters magazine. This time we have been sharing about our Forest School sessions and the benefits they bring to children and their learning. I will try and get some copies up to nursery, for parents- but do keep a look out as they are in the local Tesco's, Aldi and Lidl too. We love sharing what we do with other settings and the community, and we



always receive lovely feedback about our articles too.

Forest school

This week **Group B** will be stomping their way to the woods on Thursday. We plan to upskill ourselves with the bow saws and hand drill as well explore what trees and plants we have on site by using our identity checker books.

Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Autumn_Term_2021_Week_11_Menu.pdf
- Christmas tree festival at St Andrews **Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th December**
- **Christmas jumper day Friday 10 December**
- Christmas Concert at St Andrews Church Shifnal. Tuesday 14 December 6.30pm
- Christmas opening: Closed Monday 27 December – Monday 3 January. Term time children break up Friday 17 December and return Wednesday 5 January.

Yours sincerely

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