



Dear Parents and carers

31 January 2022

We had a lovely week in nursery last week. Our Hygge focus topic was mud, so we had lots of fun exploring dirt and mud. The outdoor digging pit in the preschool garden area was topped up and the children loved excavating and looking for worms. The toddlers found a new digging site just off the carpark and loved burrowing through the undergrowth looking for minibeasts. We had tuff trays filled with mud and trucks and liquid mud to paint with- it really was great getting down and messy. We shall no doubt continue this topic out at forest school this week as our site is very wet and muddy, at the moment.



Forest School

So Forest school is back this week- yippee. We are starting off with group A. Hopefully all parents are aware of which group their child is in, but please just ask if you are unsure. We have lots of spare waterproofs at nursery, so all we really need is for children to bring in their own hat, gloves and wellies and a complete change of clothes, for the session. This week we will be painting rocks, building cairns and exploring how our woodland site has changed since Christmas- which is sure to involve lots of mud!



What have we been doing in nursery?

We have been busy working our way through our never-ending list of jobs over the last few months. In the last few weeks alone, we have filled in the pot holes on the car park, washed all the windows inside and out, cleared out our storage areas and organised our resources to name but a few. In the classroom's we have been tidying and sorting and re-organising our provision to enhance our learning areas for the children. The toddlers have created a fantastic accessible art area for their room and had large fridge curtains put on their canopy door to allow the door to remain open to the outdoors more. The babies have developed their treasure baskets that they have in their room and added a collection of new books for the children to explore. The preschool have rearranged their room to make more space for the children to move which has also helped define the learning areas better. Their art area is also looking very inviting now with lots of new art media available. Well done to the staff and to

Paul for working through these jobs- the nursery is starting to look amazing and very Hygge. Hopefully parents will be able to come in soon to see the changes first-hand.



Chinese New Year

On Tuesday we will be celebrating Chinese New Year in nursery. This year the lunar calendar declares it is the year of the Tiger. Chef Gemma will be cooking us up a Chinese feast on Tuesday to celebrate and we will be looking in more detail about how Chinese New Year is celebrated and why the Tiger is considered to be the most brave, cruel and forceful symbol in Chinese Culture.

Love what you wear day

On Monday 14th February we plan to celebrate Valentines in a fun way. The children are invited into nursery, wearing what they love. This could be anything from their P.J.s, their favourite party outfit or their comfy tracksuit bottoms or maybe dressed up their favourite character. The intention is to celebrate the fact that the children are unique and have their own styles and preferences, they can be independent in their choices and confident on the decisions they make.



COVID-19

Sadly, we still have the COVID virus lurking around in nursery. Our toddler room is the latest room to be suffering. We have had two children test positive and a member of staff in the last few days. We are working alongside the local Health Protection Hub to ensure we follow the guidelines and we are doing all we can to keep the room running as normal. Please keep testing children if you can and be vigilant for signs and symptoms of COVID. Sorry, but we will continue being strict on the admittance of poorly children this week as we try and break the COVID cycle in nursery.

Staff News

This week we are looking forward to welcoming Kim back to nursery. Kim from preschool has been off for a while now so it will be good to have her back- we have missed her, and we know the children have to. We also want to officially welcome Courtney to our team. Many of you will have seen Courtney in nursery, she has come to us after the closure of another nursery and was needing to complete her level 3 qualification. Courtney has been brilliant in helping cover staff absences and has really fitted well into our team. Well done, Courtney, thank you for all your help and you'll smash that qualification soon enough.



Courtney

National Bird Watching week

This week we will be taking part in the Big Garden Bird watch run by the RSPB. We have so much wildlife around nursery, which we are always taking an interest in- so this should be fun. We have some new bird boxes to place in the trees along our driveway and have purchased some window feeders, so hopefully the children will get some really good close-up views of the birds we have. This is something you could do at home to if you wanted to, more information can be found at: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



Diary Dates and information

- Link to this week's menu:
http://telfordnurseries.org/files/Spring_Term_2022_Week_5_Menu.pdf
- Love what you wear day: Monday 14 February 2022
- Half term 21 February- 25 February 2022
- Easter Holidays 10 April – 22 April 2022

- Preschool Easter Concert 3.30pm Friday 8 April@ St Andrews Church- more details to follow.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Helen Childs', written in a cursive style.

Helen Childs
Nursery Manager