



Flitwick Day Nursery Newsletter

February 2020

What a brilliant start to the New Year we are having, all of the team have been busy ensuring their rooms are exciting and stimulating for all of the children. We have been very busy working towards our Ofsted actions and have made good progress, we have new gates across the toileting areas and privacy screens across the nappy changing areas. We have also been filling in paper trackers for all children which is going into their folders so we are able to track the children's progress efficiently.



As the weather is very cold can we PLEASE remind you all to provide a pair of wellies, a hat and a change of clothes, as we will be spending lots of time outside and enjoying messy play.

We would also like to encourage the children to start wearing their slippers whilst playing inside at nursery, if possible, could you please provide a named pair of slippers to your child's room.

There is a Tulip planting station in reception please feel free to plant a bulb with your child and take it home. If you can send us any pictures as it grows we would love to display them.



Kitchen



Please could we remind parents if they would like to request a birthday cake for their child, Rachel requires **at least 1 week's notice**, due to the dietary requirements of other children in the nursery, making sure there is cake for all!

The cost of a birthday cake is £5 and a choice of chocolate or vanilla sponge.



Over the next couple of weeks we will be marking Chinese new year, Rachel is busy cooking new foods for the children to taste such as egg fried rice, spring rolls and sweet and sour chicken.

As a nursery we are going to be embracing the variety of different cultures we have across the setting by having days where we try different cuisines and popular dishes from different countries. If you have any suggestions or favourite meals, we would love to know about them so we can incorporate into our menu.

Rachel is starting a new menu there will be slips available for you to add your child's favourite meal ideas down so that they can be added.

Cubs

In cubs we are looking at different vehicles, whilst we are looking at this we are going to be making a car wash using the shaving foam, explore the water tray when washing them and making roads to put our cars on. We will be using the musical instruments to assist us with singing of songs and use the books to further our interest.



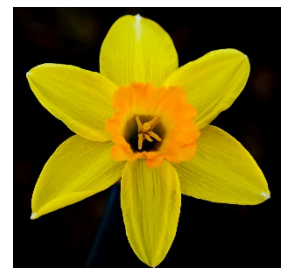
Also we are looking at different textures in the cubs room by using the touch and feel books, exploring in the tactile trays and making a texture board. If you have any materials that you no longer need we would be able to make good use of them if you would like to bring them in.



Otters

In the 'Otters room we are focusing on animals and their sounds, we are incorporating this into our circle times when singing and reading stories. We are excited to start our Valentines crafts and messy play where we will be getting creative with the paint and glue and we will be mark making in our cards to take home for our Mummies and Daddies. We will be enjoying some baking in the weeks coming up.

We are looking forward to tasting some pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and we will be marking St. Davids day by painting our own daffodils to take home.



Owls

In owls we will be focusing on animals, counting and mark making, we will be making an exciting jungle role play area for the children to explore and make up their own games in we will also be using animals to practise our counting skills.



Owls have really been enjoying mark making and drawing so we are going to explore how many ways we can do this, whilst getting messy with the paint, gloop and other tactile materials.

Foxes

We have had lots of fun marking Chinese New Year. To do this we have been painting, gluing and sticking to make a range of different decorations and pictures for our displays. We have also tasted some different Chinese foods.

Over the next couple of weeks we are going to be making lots of different crafts for Valentines, whilst we do this we will be talking about our feeling and what makes us feel happy and sad. We will be exploring lots of different ways to make marks as this is something the children are showing a lot of interest in at the moment.

In our role play area we will be making a hairdressers following the interests of some of our children. If you have anything you think we could use in our hairdressers, please feel free to bring it in.



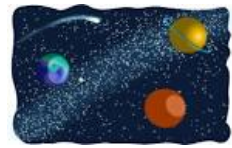
Badgers

So far this month we have been looking at different types of animals and their habitats, to extend this interest we will be using the junk modelling to create animal houses. We will also be den building and sharing our ideas with our friends and working as a team. We are looking at numbers and counting different objects, . To celebrate Chinese New Year we will be doing lots of themed crafts and playing with noodles and chop sticks to enhance the children fine motor skills.

Deers

What have we been learning?

Space - planet names, gravity (effects on our bodies), inference (how do we know Mars is hot?) Designing our own planet - naming it, description, selecting our own tools to make marks.



Chinese New Year - story of the great race - concept of time - using masks to tell stories - chopsticks using to collect and count 'noodles' (1:1 correspondence)

Storytelling week - sharing and listening to stories, looking at books together, writing our own stories, puppet show theatre (encourage imaginative play) recognising and 'reading' environmental print.

What have we got planned?

Mental health week - encouraging children to recognise emotions and feeling how to manage them. Mindfulness, 5 minute movement, introduction of calm corner/box to utilise sensory tools to independently manage feelings. Developing friendship skills. sending a card to someone you love -(trip to postbox)



We would like to encourage children to independently access art areas - free access to paint, make their own playdough etc. This will be a messy learning process can parents send in any old adult shirts, t-shirts, etc. for us to use as art shirts to encourage our little artists and protect their clothes.

We will be introducing our class bear - the children will help name him/her and will take it in turns to take it home. There is no pressure to do anything special but if parents could print/send a picture to 'Family' of their time with the bear and a brief description of their time with you so the children can share and talk about their experiences together.



Parent Board :-We have introduced a new parent board it will include info about what's coming up, articles about why we do what we do and for parents to take information about children's learning.

We have asked children what they would like to learn more about and what they would like to see more of in Deers and will be linking this to their interests at home to help us plan activities. Some of our current interests include; vehicles, emergency services, unicorns, flowers, sand, painting, holidays and stories.



Date for your diary:-

10-14th February – Sponsored book read. Information letters and sponsorship forms going out

What's New?

We have Lucy coming back to join us in the Deers room she is level 2 qualified and very excited to be coming back.

We are going to be running Hartbeeps sessions on a Wednesday morning, please register your interests by giving your child's name and an email address to reception.



Forest School sessions for the Deers Children, information will be displayed in the reception area.

Reminders:

- Please could we encourage only books to be bought in and not toys. We are happy for toys to come in and shown to friends, we just don't allow them to play with them during the day in case they get lost or broken.
- If your child has developed a specific interest at home, please let us know so your child's key worker can extend their learning and development within the setting.

That's it for now!

Thank you for reading; we're excited for what the next month holds for learning, exploration and creativity. If you have any queries, please speak to a member of staff who will be able to help you 😊

