



CLASSROOM newsletter



April
2022

Important Dates

May Holiday Club - 30th May-1st June

Summer Term Ends - Friday 22nd July

Summer Holiday Club - 25th July-3rd Sept



Let's Welcome...

George, Raphael,
Freya, Beatrice,
Pippa and Sidonie

It's great to have you join us in Bears!

HAPPY Birthday

Celebrating their Birthday this half term are:

Lyla, Imogen and Eliza

We hope that you have a wonderful day.



CLASSROOM NEWS - BEARS

Hi All,

Welcome back and I hope those of you who have managed to get away have had wonderful restful breaks!

Our first week of the new term will see us finish our Life Cycles topic, culminating in the arrival of some caterpillars which we will hopefully be able to see turn into butterflies. This will be supported by a further few visits from Jo's chicks. This enables us to gain a deep understanding of life cycles along with knowledge on how to care for living things. We will also plant some magic beans as part of our learning around Jack and the Beanstalk: we will let you know if anything grows and we need to use our fantastic measuring skills!

Once May arrives we will turn our attention to focusing on Transport, developing skills across the curriculum through things such as building maps and roads (early maths and mark-making) building cars and other models (imaginative skills, spatial reasoning and strategy) and creating boats (understanding scientific concepts such as sinking / floating). We will be exploring what certain road signs mean, developing our early literacy skills along with an understanding of how to keep safe.

In May, we will be reading one of our all-time favourites: 'Duck in the Truck'. We always enjoy this fun story about a slightly careless duck and his adventures. It has lots of funny pictures and a great rhyming scheme we love to join in with. Our other core book will be 'The Train Ride', a story that follows a little girl and her mother on a long trip and all the things they see on the way. This helps the children to share experiences of their own trips.

As always, we love to hear about what your children are currently interested in at home or any activities they have particularly enjoyed. Please email us or upload these to Tapestry: your input is highly valued and we can often include this when we plan learning activities for your child. Thank you also to those of you who have provided lovely feedback regarding the team during the term: it has been wonderful to hear from you all and I'm so pleased their hard work is having such a positive impact.

On page 2 is a 'wishlist' of items you may have in your recycling bin at home: if you have any of these to spare, they really are great learning materials and we would be very grateful. Thank you in advance!

BECKS

sabrina, sue, Lucy, Dawn, Nesta and seb

RECYCLING Wish List

Can you help?

We are very lucky to have lots of fantastic resources in our cupboards at nursery. However, we do find that some of the best resources for our children's learning come from the recycling box! If you have any of these items at home and can spare them, we would be very grateful.

Thank you so much in advance!



Cardboard tubes: all lengths! These are great for our construction play, craft and talking about shape.

Egg boxes and trays are great for using as compartments when engaged in playful mathematics and also in crafts and role play.



Plastic bottle lids help us to explore spatial reasoning and can be used as imaginary pirate treasure, money and much more besides!

Empty tape rolls let us explore space and capacity.



We like to use packaging when we junk model and also in our home corner. If there is food packaging for something you particularly like at home then that is even better!

SUNSCREEN

As the weather improves, all parents are reminded of our sun care policy which requires that all children should arrive at nursery with an 8-10 hour sunscreen applied. Children also need their own labelled sunscreen at nursery with prior written consent for staff to apply it. Full details on our Sun care Policy can be found on the Parent Zone of our website.



SPARE CLOTHES

Thank you so much for keeping your children's bags well stocked with spare clothes: we anticipate lots of water play over the summer! If you have any of Early Days' spare clothes at home, we would really appreciate these being returned as we find being able to offer the children a range of clothes to wear greatly reduces any worries they might be experiencing as a result of having had an accident or spilling something on their clothes.

