



CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER



Jan
2024

Important Dates

February Holiday Club - 12th-16th February
Spring Term Ends - Thursday 28th March

Spare Clothing and Wellie Boots

Please can you ensure your child has at least two pairs of clean clothes in their bags including socks. Please ensure your child has a coat, hat, mittens, and wellie boots, as we will go out daily, weather permitting.

Also, if it is possible to name clothing, especially mittens and hats, that would be great too. Even just initials with a biro or sharpie would be really helpful as we have lots to try and keep track of.

Let's Welcome

Arlo, Jack D, Layth, Josie, Jack T-P and Henry

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

HAPPY Birthday

Celebrating a birthday this half term are:

Phoebe, Ronnie,
Arrietty, Jasper and
Charlie

We hope that you have a wonderful day.



CLASSROOM NEWS - SQUIRRELS

We would like to welcome you all and wish you Happy New Year. We hope you all had a happy and healthy Christmas, and we look forward to hearing all your children's exciting news about seeing family, Santa, and any gifts they may have received.

Squirrels children are welcomed all together in the morning and then separate into 2 groups of around 8 children for singing and snack time. One group will then go out on a walk while the remaining group will participate in an age-appropriate group time which mirrors the Owls routine. During the group time the children will enjoy some songs, or a story related to our theme or interest, followed by a practical activity which may be a game, art and crafts, mark making, scissor skills, or sensory play. The children join again for lunch and sleep time and then will enjoy outdoor play in the afternoon, followed by separating into groups again.

Squirrels staff have altered slightly. Louise is super excited to be managing the Squirrels, supported by Tracey, Kellie, Emily, and David. Megan will now be working in the baby room and Hayley has moved to the Owls.

If as a family or your own child has had any changes to their routine outside of nursery, or anything that may affect your child's behaviour, emotions, or sleep pattern, etc. please let us know so we can best meet their needs. Please chat with either your child's key person, Louise, or you can confidentially email Gina or you can confidentially email Gina at admin@earlydays-nursery.co.uk. or send a message through Tapestry.

For the month of January, we will be enjoying a Winter and Polar theme. Our core story is Say Hello to the Snowy Animals. We will be exploring polar lands with sensory play with artificial snow, shaving foam and ice. We will learn about polar animals and create wintery artwork with cool colours. The children will explore the weather as it changes throughout the month, experiencing frosty, icy, misty, or snowy days but hopefully not too many more rainy days! In February we will go on to explore Places and Spaces and our core story will be Going on a Bear Hunt. We will be thinking about all the different places we like to visit and make model buildings with construction materials and junk modelling.

We will continue to use 'Tapestry' for your child's observations and communication about themes, etc. To ensure we have maximum time focusing on the children, their needs and providing stimulating activities, etc., we will send short individual day books and endeavour to send one observation post per week per child, which will show their interests, friendships, or achieving a next step in their progress. Alongside this we will send group posts showing what we have been up to during activities and experiences.

**Louise,
Tracey, Kellie, Emily and David**