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2024

Important Dates

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

Let's Welcome

We would like to welcome the following children into Owls:

Otto and Harry

We are so glad to have you all join us!

Seasonal Clothing

Please ensure your child has essential spare clothes as even with wellie boots on they can still manage to get wet and children love exploring puddles! Socks are often the item we run out of in our spares so 2 pairs of socks along with 2 sets of clothing would be great. Please also ensure your child has a coat, hat, mittens/gloves, and wellies as we go out daily in all weathers.

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

Happy Birthday

Sending lots of birthday wishes to all those children celebrating a birthday this half term:

Axel, Otto and Lily

We hope that you enjoy your special day!



CLASSROOM NEWS - OWLS

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 the exciting stories your children have to share including seeing family, Santa, and any gifts they may have received.

We will continue splitting into two groups each day. One group on a walk and the other in the classroom, weather permitting. This will happen after first snack and again after lunch. Your child will usually be in the same group as their key person and will alternate on a 2-week rota to ensure both groups benefit from walks as much as possible.

If your child or yourselves as a family do have any needs or changes to your 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, Julie (Room Manager), or you can confidentially email Gina at admin@earlydays-nursery.co.uk. or send a message through Tapestry.

The Owls staff have altered slightly with Louise now managing the Squirrels. Julie will continue as manager in the Owls. Hayley has joined us from Squirrels. Natalie, Lucy, Harriet, Jo, and Nesta (Tuesday/Thursday walk days) and Sheila (lunchtimes) complete the team.

For the month of January, we will be enjoying a Winter and Polar theme. If your children would like to share any books/stories which are theme related, (or favourite stories), please feel free to bring them in. Our core stories are One Snowy Night and Goldilocks and the 3 Bears. We will be exploring changes with melting ice and sensory play with artificial snow and shaving foam. We will consider what clothes we need to keep warm and dry in winter and explore texture with warm, thick, and furry fabrics. We will learn about healthy eating and develop fine motor skills chopping vegetables to make a winter soup and enjoy hot chocolate after a winter walk. In February we go on to explore places and spaces with our core stories of Going on a Bear Hunt and, The 3 Little Pigs as we investigate building materials and make models with a variety of construction materials.

We will continue to use 'Tapestry' for your child's observations and communication about themes. To ensure we have maximum time focusing on the children, their needs and providing stimulating activities, etc., we endeavour to send at least 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 the activities and experiences the children have enjoyed.

Julie

Natalie, Lucy, Jo, Harriet,
Hayley, Nesta and Sheila