



Family Room Updates

This term our Children have noticed that the weather is ever changing outside and so we have learnt about the different seasons. We have been matching words to pictures and singing songs such as 'it's raining, it's pouring'. We have also looked at ice and how it melts to make water. Also in January we created a train from a large box, we enjoyed painting it and cutting out the windows so that we could play inside it. Lots of 'journeys' were made to the seaside, Leeds and to the farm! Our Dragonflies have been learning about al (coal), j (jelly), oa (goat) and ie (tie) during our phonics sessions.



In February Children made valentines cards to take home and we have had a treasure hunt to find some hearts. We had a group time session talking about 'our family' and who to send cards to. For Chinese New Year our Children have made lanterns, we have made a sheep with tissue paper to celebrate the year of the sheep, we practiced Chinese writing and we have been dancing to Chinese music. We have also been learning about winter animals such as Polar bears and penguins and have coloured lots of pictures of these types of animals. The phonics we learnt in February are ee (sheep), or (orange), z (zebra) and w (whole).

Baby Suite Updates

This term our babies have been making pictures of fish using handprints where they have been exploring different textures using paint and allowing staff to paint their hands. They have also been exploring colours and what happens when you mix them which is developing them in their Physical development and expressive art and design. We hope you all enjoyed your Valentines biscuits, your children spent time making and decorating them especially for you! We developed their skills in mathematics and communication by listening to the staff, measuring out the mixture and what happens when you mix it all together. Our babies also made you some lovely rose pictures by using celery roots or they used their footprints.



We have been celebrating Chinese New Year by tasting foods like noodles, prawn crackers and spring rolls which will develop the babies in their Physical development. We have also been colouring, painting and drawing pictures of the Chinese goat.

Coming up in the next month we will be making Mothers day cards and getting ready for Easter. We will be decorating eggs, flowers and rabbits so the babies can develop their creative skills and learn about animals.

Staff Updates

We have very carefully selected and recruited some new staff and we are pleased to have them at Sweet Peas. We welcome Asma, Katie, Steph and Michelle. Please say hello and introduce yourselves where possible and we hope you get to know them in the near future.

We are also currently supported by qualified agency staff who are carefully vetted and selected. We will always ensure the staff to children ratios are met at Sweet Peas

Georgina and Chloe our students from Garforth Academy have now left the baby suite and will be working in the Family room.

Shelby (also from Garforth Academy) will be moving upstairs to the baby suite. This enables students to gain experience in each of the different age groups.

Zoo Labs

Zoo Labs came to the Family Room on Tuesday 23rd February. Zoo Lab brought lots of interesting animals for the Children to get up close and personal with including a snake and Rabbit.



School Holidays

Spring Mid Term starts Mon 16th Feb-Fri 20th Feb 2015

Easter starts Thurs 2nd April-Tues 20th April 2015

Nursery is Closed only Good Friday 3rd April and Easter Monday 6th April

Reminders

- If you have holidays booked please advise the staff with as much notice as possible. If you need to amend your child's sessions please advise us in writing; we need 4 weeks notice minimum however we will do our best to accommodate your needs.
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE (CAR PARK SPEED)** For the safety of all children and families please can parents be aware of your speed in the car park.
- Regarding payments, please ensure you are paying standing orders into the correct bank account; Barclays Bank Sort Code 20 33 42 Account No. 73216381. Please also use your Child's name as reference.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Local Police Visit

We have had a visit from our local PCSO recently so that the Children can get to know her, she is called Dee and she came to introduce herself and tell the Children what she does within the community. She was asked if she had caught any 'baddies' that day but unfortunately not! Dee will call in from time to time so the Children get to know her and she will teach them about dialling 999 should they need to and what to do should they get separated from their parents.

We are really thankful for the visit and the time Dee took to spend time with us.

