



Newsletter

January 2019

Happy New Year

Explorer Suite

Before Christmas we were mainly focusing on learning our new Christmas songs and preparing for our Christmas Story performances. The children had lots of actions to learn too. We were so proud of how brilliantly they all performed- they were all little stars! Alongside this the children were also busy making their Christmas folders. We did lots of different creative activities such as making snowmen, snowflakes, reindeers and many other things. Christmas was such a lovely time and the children really enjoyed themselves.

We are looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year in Explorer Suite again this year. It is the year of the pig, so we are going to incorporate this into our group times and into the activities that the children are doing throughout the day. This links to our Understanding the World aspect of our curriculum through 'showing interest in different occupations and ways of life' (30-50 months). We are also looking forward to celebrating Valentines Day. We will be talking to our children about love, all the different people that we love, and how we can show them that we love them. We look forward to sharing all the lovely things that the children will be doing with you all soon.

Baby Suite

This term in Baby Suite we have had lots of fun in the run up to Christmas. We have had a wide selection of creative activities for the babies to create calendars, cards and baubles. We have enjoyed using our senses to explore the mixture of materials and experiment with mark making and most of all getting messy. We had an amazing Christmas party with all our parents and loved ones. We had tea with Santa, played in the soft gym and had fun doing different creative activities.

As usual in Baby Suite we have had a term full of singing, dancing and storytelling. The babies have thrived learning some new Christmas songs and lots have a favourite, such as "When Santa got stuck up the Chimney". Our book of the month was called 'Me' which showed the children lots about the world and that no matter where you are, you are very loved. This book lends itself well to the Personal, Social and Emotional Development aspect of our curriculum, as well as the Literacy side also, through the following link: 'Handles books and printed materials with interest' (8-20 months). We liked the book so much that our next book of the month is going to be the second book from the collection and is called "You". It is a wonderful story all about how our actions can make others feel, and how we can be kinder to those around us.

Toddler Suite

In Toddler Suite we have been doing lots of creative activities for Christmas. We made Christmas cards, reindeer baubles, snowflakes, calendars and did other Christmas activities. For the New Year of 2019, we have made firework pictures using chalks and black card. We have also had group times in which we have spoken about the New Year and how we might celebrate it. This links to the Writing area of our curriculum within the children being able to "Distinguish between the marks they make". In February we are going to be celebrating the Chinese New Year on the 5th February by having a taster session of oriental food for our tea. We have also made a display for this and we will be making lanterns too.

Also, in February we will be looking at Valentines Day and inviting parents/carers to a Valentines Breakfast. We will also be making Valentines cards and other activities to link to this. We have also already started our Valentines Day display using our children's hand prints in the shape of a heart. This links to the Communication and Language area of our curriculum through the following link: 'Uses everyday language as a powerful means of widening contacts, sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts' (22-36 months).

Welcome to our Team

We would like to welcome our new team member to the nursery, John.

Hi my name is John. I have been working in nurseries for two years and have also spent some time volunteering in a school. I have my CACHE level three in child-care which I completed at York college. I am very excited to be starting at Sweet Peas and hope to develop my career further.



National Hug Day



21st January 2019

We are going to be celebrating National Hug Day on the 21st January by talking to our children about our feelings and concentrating on activities that are centred around the Personal, Social and Emotional Development side of our curriculum.

Chinese New Year



This year to celebrate Chinese New Year we are going to be doing some Chinese food tasting in setting. We will talk to the children about the Year of the Pig and involve this in our daily activities and group times. The children are also going to be learning a dragon dance and then will look forward to performing this for our parents- please keep an eye out for when this is going to be!

Explorer Suite Showcase Event

Wednesday

20th February 2019 at 6.15pm

We are inviting all parents to our Explorer Suite Showcase event. This event is going to provide parents with the chance to gain a better understanding of how we implement the EYFS curriculum for our older children and how we essentially enable the children to 'learn through play', as well as how we are trying to get them as 'school ready' as possible.

The event will start around 6.15pm, please look out for further information on this event and then please confirm attendance with Kelly/ Tracey nearer the time.

Please note, in order to get the maximum out of this evening we would request that you make childcare arrangements for this event.

Big Schools Birdwatch



Monday 28th January 2019

From the week commencing Monday 28th January we are going to be supporting the RSPB by taking part in the Big Schools Birdwatch. We are going to be talking to the children about the different kinds of birds that we see in the environment around us, as well as making bird feeders together and hanging these in our outdoor area. We will also be taking the children on walks around the local area to hang some bird feeders as well.

Valentine's Day



Breakfast Morning

Thursday 14th February 2019

Following on from the success of our Valentine's Day breakfast last year, we are going to be celebrating this year again by serving breakfast for our families.

Please feel free to join us between 8am-9.30am and sit with your child for their breakfast. We will also have pastries and tea and coffee to take out if you cannot stay for breakfast.

Possessions

Please can we ask that all parents take all their children's belongings home at the end of the day. We have some children that share a peg space with another child and this would just mean that our cloak areas are not overly crowded at the end of the day and are welcoming to our children at the beginning of each session.

We are also aware that, on some occasions, some of our resources are being taken home accidentally. We would like to ask if you find anything at home that belongs to nursery that it is brought back to us so that the all the children can benefit from our resources. We would also appreciate if you could return any spare nursery clothing that you may have at home.

Thank you for your continued support.