

September NEWS



Dates for your diary

Holidays and Closures:

Monday 2nd September - Term starts

Other:

Meet the Keyworkers
(Babies) - Tuesday 17th
September

Meet the Keyworkers
(Toddlers)- Wednesday
18th September

Meet the Keyworkers (Pre-
school) - Thursday 19th
September

Nursery Open Day -
Saturday 21st September

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who have recently joined us!

We are also delighted to welcome Eve Howell to our team as a qualified staff member, and we are excited for you to meet her. A heartfelt good luck to all the children heading off to school—we wish you the very best on your new adventure!

Just a quick reminder: if you'd like a detailed handover of your child's day, please ensure you arrive before their designated pick-up time.

As the weather begins to change, please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing to keep them comfortable during outdoor play.

Thank you for your continued support.

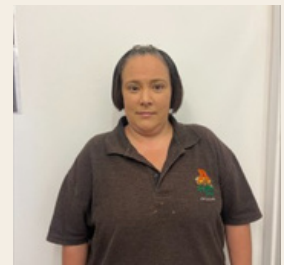
Colleague Spotlight

A special shoutout to Vicki Grace who has excelled as the manager of the settling and is doing a great job. She has been nothing but determined and dedicated towards the nursery since taking on the role.



Recent Training

Emma has completed the training- Supporting 3-5 year olds in the EYFS





The Nest

The babies in the Nest have been exploring their senses through messy play, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. We've had fun with painting, using various tools to make marks and using our hands to touch, feel, and move the paint. It's been a great way for the children to engage with different textures and colours.

The children also love playing with playdough, which helps develop their fine motor skill which is important for when they start learning to hold pencils. Some of the children enjoyed squeezing, touching, and smelling the dough, while others used their imaginations to create different models. This type of play encourages communication and language development as they talk about their creations

Continue at home

Make playdough at home using a simple recipe (flour, water, salt, and food coloring). Let your child squish, mould, and create different shapes. Add scents like vanilla or cinnamon to enhance the sensory experience.

The Atelier

In the Atelier Room, we've been welcoming the babies who are moving up from the Nest and learning their routines as they settle in and make new friends.

We've been focusing on the concepts of big and small, helping the children understand the differences. We've been encouraging them to use words like "big," "small," "high," and "tall" when describing objects, and it's been great to see their vocabulary grow!

The children have been busy baking and making pizzas for tea, practising being as independent as possible. This has also encouraged them to take turns and work alongside their friends, building important social and teamwork skills.

Continue at home

Go on a "big and small" hunt around your house or outside. Encourage your child to find objects of different sizes and describe them using words like "big," "small," "tall," and "high." This helps reinforce vocabulary and size recognition.

The Studio

The past few weeks in the Pre-School Room have been bittersweet as we've said goodbye to some of our dear friends who are off on their new adventure to school. We wish them all the very best of luck!

Lately, the children have shown a keen interest in counting objects. One child has been particularly excited about drawing numicon shapes and then adding up all the spots to find the total. It's wonderful to see them enthusiastically counting numbers beyond 10 and building their early math skills.

We've also introduced Fika Time, where the children have the chance to answer fun and imaginative questions. Their creativity has really shone through! When asked, "If you could have any superpower, what would it be?" one child replied, "I would be electricity," while another said, "I want to be able to fly." It's been fantastic to see their imaginations soar during these sessions.

Continue at home

Go on a number hunt around the house or during a walk. Ask your child to spot numbers on clocks signs, or books. You can challenge them to find specific numbers and count them out loud.



SPICED APPLE CAKE

Ingredients

Oil, for spraying
750g Bramley cooking apples,
cored and thinly sliced
1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
Zest of 1 lemon
250g self-raising flour
1 tspn baking powder
1 tspn ground cinnamon
1 tspn mixed spice
2 large eggs
50g demerara sugar
200ml semi-skimmed milk
100ml sunflower oil

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 190°C/Fan 170°C/Gas 5, then line a 23cm springclip cake tin with baking parchment. Mist the base and sides with oil.
2. Put the apple slices in a bowl and toss with the lemon juice and zest.
3. Mix the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and spice in a large mixing bowl.
4. In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs with the 50g of sugar, the milk and sunflower oil.
5. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients, stirring lightly until combined – use the whisk to break up any stubborn lumps.
6. Toss the lemony apples through the cake batter until evenly mixed and pour the mixture into the prepared tin.
7. Bake the cake in the centre of the oven for 1 hour until it is well risen and golden on top. Test the cake by inserting a skewer into the centre – it should slide easily through the apples in the middle and come out clean.
8. Leave the cake to cool for 10 minutes before removing it from the tin and carefully peeling off the baking parchment.

BOOKS TO READ IN SEPTEMBER

Here are some delightful books that are perfect for sharing in September.

The Enormous Turnip
Superworm by Julia Donaldson
Peepo by Allan Ahlberg
Jack and the Beanstalk