



Newsletter April and May 2019

Yellow Room Updates

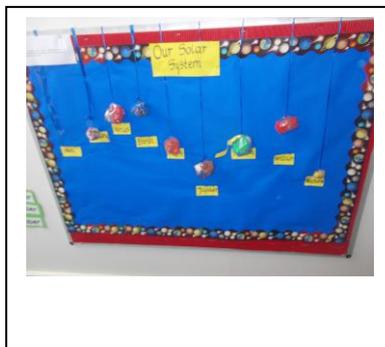
We have had a very exciting couple of months in the baby room with our main focus being nursery rhymes. The children have enjoyed singing their favourite nursery rhymes with the assistances of a Sing It Bag, and shown excellent improvement in recalling the actions to each song. The children have made some beautiful art work using crayon to mark make and a large range of resources for sticking to create some lovely cheeky monkeys, little fishes, twinkling stars and little duckies to go on our nursery rhyme display in the yellow room. The children loved the activities as they had the freedom to choose their own resources and how to use. We have also had a big focus on healthy eating, linking with this we have been making pizzas for tea, using a wide range of vegetables, such as peppers, sweetcorn, tomatoes and mushrooms, we have also enjoyed fruit tasting activities, trying melon, blackberries, raspberries, mango, pomegranate, papaya and passion fruit and it was a big hit! The children have been developing their fine motor skills with painting and threading pasta to make some beautiful necklaces, and our gross motor skills with making movement to music in the big garden. We have been promoting sharing and turn taking in small group activities such as magic bag and spike the hedgehog, showing good listening skills and excellent development in our personal, social and emotional areas. With the summer coming we have been preparing already planting fruit and vegetable seeds and enjoyed watering them and observing their growth, we hope to have a good harvest of strawberries, tomatoes, potatoes and broccoli.



Caterpillar updates

The caterpillars have been focusing a lot on bugs and insects the last couple of months, we have been natural explorers in the big garden trying to find a range of bugs and insects and using our educational wall cards to identify them. We have linked our bug and insect interest with the story of the very hungry caterpillar, using story stones and puppets to re-enact the story.

Seeing as we have been talking about bugs, we decided to use a range of junk modelling equipment such as paper cups, egg cartons, yoghurt pots and kitchen roll tubes to make some butterfly's, ladybirds, spiders and caterpillars, which have been displayed in our room. We celebrated Space Day this month and the children worked together to create paper mâché planets and we have linked this with mathematics, talking about and comparing size as well as recognising colour. The children have been developing their 5 senses and we have been doing this with a range of activities such as Touch and Feel Bags - children have been developing descriptive skills describing the characteristic of the objects, scented messy play - children explored more textures and also scents in some scented messy play mixing salted caramel, lemon and mint scents in gloop, shaving foam and dough, fruit tasting - we offered the children a wide range of fruit to them to try, again developing a wider range of descriptive words. Like the others in nursery we have enjoyed starting our own planting area and been showing good turn taking and listening skills when it comes to looking after them and watering them. We have been talking a lot about good choices and sad choices and encouraging children to recognise these in their own play and prompting gentle hands throughout the day to ensure friends are being nice to each other.





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Busy Bees Updates

The busy bees have been busy in the big garden with a revamp of our forest school area, the children have loved planting some tomatoes plants and some flowers which they can't wait to bloom, the children have shown great respect for their outdoor environment reminding their teachers when to water the plants and showing care for the insects and bugs we have found while planting. We have looking at the life cycle of the frog and this has linked well with our forest school as we have made a pond in our forest school area and we look forward to getting it ready for some pond life.... hopefully frogs. We have also been looking at the life cycle of a plant, the children have been naming different types of plants as well as different parts of the plants, we have enjoyed using a wide range of bright coloured paints to make some beautiful flowers in the nursery and we hope to display these outside. We have had a big focus on preparing for school ensuring we are sending the children off with the basic self-care skills they will require at school, children have been having fun races to see who can put on shoes, coats the quickest as well as encouraging independent toileting such as wiping and washing hands. We have been lucky to welcome 3 (unfortunately now 2) new friends to the busy bee room, our fish, and the children have enjoyed taking it turns being the teacher's helper and cleaning them out, washing out fish house and feeding them daily. Our role play area is getting a lot of use with children role playing meal times, serving each other and showing great turn taking in doing so as well as showing excellent good choices at table - using knives and forks, washing hands and faces and sharing food with each other.



Other News

Transition Meeting - 29/5/19 - We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for attending the Transition meeting we held at the end of May, if you have any further questions about the transition process please do not hesitate to ask.

Parents Evening - Parents evening will be held on the 17th June, this will allow you time to speak to your child's key person regarding any concerns and their development as well as a chance to view their learning journal, if you would like to attend please confirm with Tina.

Transition Meeting - 18/6/19 - Busy Bees Only - Lisa and Chelsea will be attending the annual transition meeting in Twickenham, This will give Lisa and Chelsea a chance to give a hand over to Reception Teachers regarding all children attending school in September, if there is anything you would like us to bring up please come and talk to us before the 18th.

Clothing - Can you please ensure you are sending children with a few changes of clothes, which are not their best, we take part in a lot of messy and water play and we like all children to be involved this is made easier if we can change them into clean dry clothes once the activity has finished.

Nappies - Can you please ensure you are checking daily to see if your child is in need of nappies, wipes or cream with your child's room

Hotter Weather - With the weather getting hotter can you please ensure you are sending your child to nursery with a sun hat and sun cream (if ours cannot be used)