



Playgroup News – Wednesday 04th May 2022



Hello Everyone... Here is our Playgroup News for this month...

First of all we would like to welcome all of our new families who have joined us at the beginning of this term, please remember we are only a phone call or an email away if you need us!

What have we been up to?!?

The children had such great fun before the Easter half term holidays taking part in the fantastic Easter activities! Our fundraising event was a HUGE success and we raised a grand total of **£573**. Thank you to everyone who supported us with this, the fundraising will be used to support the children's learning and experiences.

Squirrel Children- The children in the squirrel room are continuing to focus on develop their listening and attention skills and develop their speech and vocabulary. The children have been enjoying developing their motor skills through outdoor play, taking an interest in water play in particular and creating obstacles courses using a variety of loose parts. The main focus over the next few weeks will be on developing the children's knowledge of colours through various activities such as painting, matching games, blocks etc. The children will also be learning about growth and change through planting some sunflowers and runner beans in the garden.



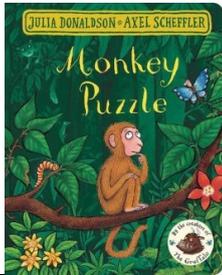
Penguin Children- The children in the penguin room continue to have a keen interest in the craft area where they are able to use their creative skills to make a whole variety of things!! We've had various musical instruments to gift boxes! The children have really developed their friendship groups now and are really engrossed in imaginative role-play with their peers which is fantastic to see. The focus for the children over the next few weeks will be developing an understanding of healthy eating; we will be introducing new fruits to the children and making fruit salads etc. Please can you support us with this by supplying your child with a healthy lunchbox?



- Please remember to check your child's Tapestry Learning Journey to see lots of pictures and find out more about what they have been up to!!

Important Notices

- Please can you ensure your child has multiple changes of clothes kept at playgroup which is labelled with their name. As the weather starts to warm up (hopefully!) the children will be engaging in lots of water play activities.
- Please can we also have a bottle of suncream (labelled) which can be kept at the setting for those warmer days and children will also need a sun hat (labelled).

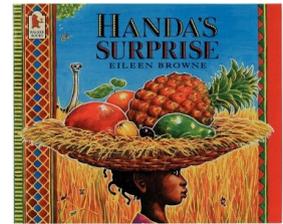


Story Making

This term our story making texts are:

Monkey Puzzle- Squirrel Children

Handa's Surprise- Penguin Children



MAKATON

Every few weeks we learn a new MAKATON sign and the signs we will be learning next are:

MONKEY, BUTTERFLY and ORANGE



Orange



Staff Changes

As you are all aware there have been some staff changes over the last few months at the setting. We are pleased to introduce to you our two new Early Years Practitioners- Roxy and Charlotte. Roxy holds a Level 3 qualification and will be working in the Penguin room and Charlotte is currently studying for her Level 3 qualification and is based in the Squirrel room. Over the coming weeks, the staff will be introducing themselves to parents/carers as some of the children's key person.

You should have received an email from committee during the Easter holidays informing you that Carly will be leaving the setting in the next few weeks and committee will be undertaking the role of appointing a new manager. We will update you when we have further information.

Parent Consultation Meetings!

Over the next few weeks, your child's key person will be arranging a 'Parent Consultation' meeting with you to discuss your child's progress and development. Please make an appointment with them if you are able to as these meetings are a valuable opportunity for both staff and parents/carers to develop an holistic view of the children's achievements and next steps.

Dates for the Diary

Parent Consultation Meetings-

Louise- 13th May

Pauline- 17th May

Jo W- 20th May

Vicky- 20th May

Jubilee Party Week!!- 23rd May- 27th May- Children are invited to come in fancy dress all week!

End of Term- Friday 27th May 2022

Start of Summer Term B- Monday 6th June 2022