

Covid-19 update

Children are no longer legally required to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19. PCR and lateral flow tests are not required. The principle remains that if your child is unwell and unable to take part in the usual nursery routine, then they should not attend nursery. At nursery, we will continue to ensure good ventilation, remind children to wash their hands regularly and continue with our robust cleaning routine.

Dates for your diary

Easter Holiday– Monday 11th – Friday 22nd April 2022 (No funded sessions for children who attend term time only).

Friday 15th April- Good Friday NURSERY CLOSED

Monday 18th April- Easter Monday NURSERY CLOSED

Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, (Nerys or Julie) in confidence.

There is further safeguarding information on our [website](#) and paper copies are available on request.



Nerys Evans
DSL



Julie Alsop
Deputy DSL

Notifying Absence

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we have a statutory responsibility to investigate occasions when a child does not arrive at nursery as expected, and we have not been informed of a reason for absence.

- You must inform us if your child will be absent from nursery (i.e. due to illness or a planned holiday/ day off).
- The preferred method of communicating is VIA EMAIL, to avoid a verbal message to a staff member not being passed on, or a telephone message being misinterpreted.

Contact information for children - please remember to tell us about any changes.

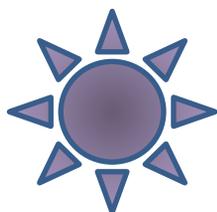
Please ensure that we have up to date contact details for parents/carers including:

- personal mobile number and email address
- employment or training contact number and email address if available
- at least one emergency contact number in addition to the above and more contacts if possible.

Annual Fee Increase

Our annual fee increase will take place on 1st April; click [here](#) to view the fee structure.

Happy Birthday to children celebrating in March!



Amellio (1)



Stefan (2)



Benjamin (3)



Hannah (3)

Celebrating Chinese New Year!



We have had an exciting time learning about Chinese New Year and the Year of the Tiger. We enjoyed food tasting, creating collages, making representations of tigers and learning about the lunar celebrations. We also looked at and made our own interpretations of Chinese writing.



What are we learning in the EYFS- Understanding the world > 3-4 Years: Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people.

Learning about traditions helps to develop each child's cultural capital. 'Cultural Capital' is the essential knowledge that children need to be educated citizens.





World Book Day Fancy Dress Week

W/b 28th February 2022

Children are invited to dress up as a book character if they so wish. We will be sharing our favourite books, stories and rhymes all week.

Literacy – The EYFS says...

It is crucial for children to develop a life-long love of reading. Reading consists of two dimensions: language comprehension and word reading. Language comprehension (necessary for both reading and writing) starts from birth. It only develops when adults talk with children about the world around them and the books (stories and non-fiction) they read with them, and enjoy rhymes, poems and songs together.



Our Educational programme

Developing a love of books and reading is imbedded in our day to day curriculum

0-3 years:: Children listen to simple stories and are encouraged to understand what is happening, with the help of the pictures.

3-4 years: Children share longer stories and skills of recall are promoted as children can remember much of what happens

They learn many rhymes; we talk about familiar books, and children are able to tell a long story. Activities are planned around familiar books which will help children to practise the vocabulary and language from those books. It will also support their creativity and play.

Outdoor play, themed around books like 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' promotes Imagination as children create their own 'hunts' and invent their own rhymes.

At home...

- ✓ Share picture books every day with your child and engage enthusiastically to show your own enjoyment of story time.
- ✓ Encourage them to talk about the pictures and the story. Comment on the pictures – for example: "It looks like the boy is a bit worried..." and wait for their response. You might also ask them about the pictures: "I wonder what the caterpillar is doing now?"
- ✓ Books with just pictures and no words can especially encourage conversations.
- ✓ Tell children the names of things they do not know and choose books that introduce interesting new vocabulary to them.

Valentine's Day

We had fun taking part in Valentine's themed activities and experiences, including making cards for loved ones and sensory play.



50 Things To Do Before You're Five gives you 50 activities that you can try out and repeat with your child. Download the mobile app from Apple AppStore or Google PlayStore.

Comic Relief

Comic Relief, coming up on Friday 18th March, is a fundraising event to help people to break free from poverty, violence and discrimination. All year-round, the money donated to Comic Relief works hard to support some incredible projects making a change to people's lives across the UK and around the world.

This is a good opportunity to help children understand the importance of kindness, empathy and friendship. We will be taking part in red nose themed activities throughout the week.

If you are able, please click [here](#) to make a donation to Comic Relief.

