

Hardmoor Newsletter: April 2024

As we welcome the blossoming beauty of spring, we are delighted to bring you the April edition of our nursery school newsletter. This month, our little learners have been busy exploring the wonders of the changing seasons, embracing new educational adventures, and creating lasting memories. In this newsletter, you'll find exciting updates on our curriculum highlights, upcoming events, and heartwarming anecdotes from the heart of our nursery school community. Join us in celebrating the growth and achievements of our little learners as we continue to nurture their curiosity and thirst for new experiences.

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 2 May - INSET Day - Centre Closed for all children.

Monday 6 May- Bank Holiday Centre Closed for all children

Monday 27 May- Bank Holiday Centre Closed for all children

Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May Half Term

(Term Time only children inc. Term Time only Day Care)

Thursday 25 July is the start of the Summer Holidays

(Term Time only children inc. Term Time only Day Care)

INSET Days for next academic Year 2024-2025

The Centre will be CLOSED for all children on:

Monday 14th October 2024

Friday 31st January 2025

Wednesday 19th March 2025

Thursday 1st May 2025

Tuesday 24th June 2025



Development Matters

Curriculum for EYFS

Physical Development

Physical activity is vital in children's all-round development, enabling them to pursue happy, healthy and active lives. Gross and fine motor experiences develop incrementally throughout early childhood, starting with sensory explorations and the development of a child's strength, co-ordination and positional awareness through tummy time, crawling and play movement with both objects and adults.

Gross Motor Development

Fundamental skills to learn:

- rolling • crawling • walking
- jumping • running • hopping
- skipping • climbing

What gross motor skills can your child currently do?

Fine Motor Development

Fundamental skills to learn:

How to use small tools competently, safely and confidently:

Suggested tools: pencils for drawing and writing, paintbrushes, scissors, knives, forks and spoons.

What can your child currently use?

How you can help your child to thrive at home...

By creating games and providing opportunities for play both indoors and outdoors, adults can support children to develop their core strength, stability, balance, spatial awareness, co-ordination and agility. Gross motor skills provide the foundation for developing healthy bodies and social and emotional well-being. Fine motor control and precision helps with hand-eye co-ordination which is later linked to early literacy. Repeated and varied opportunities to explore and play with small world activities, puzzles, arts and crafts and the practice of using small tools, with feedback and support from adults, allow children to develop proficiency, control and confidence.

Rabbits Room News

‘Jumping up and down in muddy puddles...’

This term we have been spending lots of time enjoying muddy puddles, and more recently some glorious sunshine - which has helped our plants start to grow beautifully in the polytunnel. Bo - the therapy dog enjoyed spending time with us.



‘5 little ducks went swimming one day, over the hills and far away...’



We have loved exploring ducks in the water tray



We have spent some time learning about significant events in our life - the celebration of Easter. We have made easter nests using shredded wheat and chocolate, collecting real eggs from the chickens and putting together plastic eggs and placing them in egg boxes to support our fine motor skills.

Hedgehogs Room News



EASTER

This term we have been learning about Easter. We have made some yummy chocolate nests, where we practiced scooping with a spoon, and placing the contents into a small case! We have been on an Easter egg hunt, then washed the eggs in the water tray.



Our Author of the month is Rod Campbell

When you are next visiting the local library, look out for the following titles

Dear Zoo

Oh Dear!

Noisy Farm

It's Mine!

Eid al-Fitr

We have spent some time celebrating Eid with our friends, by making cards, with moon and star stamps and looking at books about celebrations.

We have also enjoyed exploring different textures with open trays where we could see what was in the tray and then we had to be really brave and put our hand in the mystery box and talk about what we could feel.

Foxes Room News



Learning and Development

This month we have been talking about significant events in our lives, celebrating Easter: We went on an Easter Egg hunt, made Easter nests using chocolate and rice crispies

Dig, dig dig... we have been digging in the planters in the allotment and preparing the soil so we could plant beans and peas.

Bubbles... we have been exploring what happens when we mix bubble mixture with paint.

We have been reading books by Julia Donaldson

Our Author of this term is Julia Donaldson. Next time you're at the local library can you spot any books by Julia Donaldson?

<https://www.juliadonaldson.co.uk/>

Did you know? There is a Gruffalo hiding in every paperback book by Julia Donaldson... which ones can you find?

Let's Be Healthy

During this month, we will be thinking about keeping healthy by exercising.



Do you have any items from home you could donate towards creating our Fox's Fitness area?



And Finally...

A reminder:
**Thursday 2
May
INSET Day**

The Centre
will be closed
for all
children

A book to share



We would currently welcome children to bring in their favorite book from home to share with their Nursery family

A warm welcome to all of the new children and families who have joined us this term.



“Play is the highest form of research”

Albert Einstein