

Dear Families,

September has been a very busy and amazing month for our children at Ampfield. Some of the Kindergarten children have started Nature Nursery, and most of the children across the Nursery have been getting out and about into the wider community. We have visited both Winchester and Romsey on the public bus receiving some lovely feedback from a member of the public about how involved the Team were with the children.

Our Parent Consultations are going well. This is a valuable time for us to get a deeper insight into the needs of your child as well as a fantastic opportunity to celebrate their growing learning and development. Its been lovely for your child's new Key Person to get to know them and yourselves during this transitional phase.

In October we welcome our new Nursery Cook, Lauren. Lauren has been a professional chef for over 30 years and once owned her own restaurants and has worked in other Early Years settings. Lauren starts with us on the 9th October, please feel free to pop in to the kitchen to say hello. We are looking forward to tasting her food!



Woodland people made in our Nature Nursery. The children used Willow and coloured string to weave the arms and legs together.

Kind Regards

Kayleigh Tye
Nursery Manager



Nature Nursery

September brought new groups to the Nature Nursery. The children have already explored the woodland discovering the animals and insects that live in it. On the first session we had fun getting messy hands making mud faces on the trees. We have made 'forest folk' from hazel and wool and have used our construction skills to build them houses in the woodland. We are continually developing our core strength, climbing trees, swinging on branches and balancing on logs.

Diary Dates

- **Children in Need**
Friday 17th November
- **Kindergarten Christmas Party**
Monday 11th December
10am all Kindergarten children are invited.
- **Kindergarten Nativity**
18th December
- **Close for Christmas**
Friday 22nd December
at 6pm.
- **We reopen on Tuesday**
2nd January 2018



Babies

In September our new Babies have been settling into the room and enjoying 1:1 time with their new Key Person. Our older Babies in the room have been exploring water and have shown a particular interest in using small pots to pour and fill with which we will be exploring further. Babies have been out to Winchester this month to observe the changes in nature and to see different types of wildlife. We all enjoyed the experience and look forward to doing it again soon.

Toddlers

Toddlers have been reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and have loved exploring all the different sensory experiences the story offers. They have splashed in massive puddles, walked 'bear' foot over grass, and crawled through tunnels.

This has also helped them with their other focus of large physical movements. They have been working on their balancing and their running, rolling, crawling and squatting skills. They particularly enjoyed doing this when they went to Winnall Moors, and tried jumping in the puddles.



Transition

Transition have shown a keen interest in transport during September so the Team took the children to visit the train station. They got their tickets from the conductor and then saw different trains arrive and depart from the station.

They have been using their imagination in the garden using their creative skills to make vehicles. They then created their own traffic jams, reflecting on what they had seen when being driven to and from Nursery.

Kindergarten

The kindergarten children have settled well into their new room and have spent time learning their new routine with snack and being able to explore upstairs and downstairs as well as outside.

In September the children have been using 'The Gruffalo' story to provoke exploration of different foods, different sizes and rhyming. Some of them have even dressed as the Gruffalo.

Some of the children started Nature Nursery sessions, and some have been out on the local bus to visit the greengrocers.

