

Dear Families,



January was a busy month with new children joining us and Room moves taking place. We have spent plenty of time getting to know each other and settling the children into their new routines.

We had some new team members join us in January, Lindsay the Senior Nursery Nurse in Toddlers and Cath a new lunch cover. We will be welcoming more team during February, for the Transition room, Adele a Nursery Nurse and Emily a Nursery Assistant. Our lovely new Nursery Manager Natalie will be starting with us at the end of February.

I am looking at the nursery spaces available from September. If you have a child who has not yet started with us (even if they are on the waiting list) or would like to amend your current sessions, please let me know your requirements so I can do my best to accommodate you.

As the weather is still very chilly, please provide appropriate clothes for the weather on the day. Also, kindly label them to avoid them being misplaced. Thank you.

Best wishes

Jo Parker

Field Manager



Home Learning: Mathematical Development

Our recent assessments across the Nursery highlighted Mathematical Development as a focus area.

So to support this at home, you could extend this by looking at every day numerical opportunities in the home and local environment. Door numbers, car registrations, Birthdays and price tags are but a few of the every day experiences you can find.

Have fun and share these experiences with us on Tapestry!

Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 5th February**
Chinese New Year
- **Friday 8th February**
Lenox Foundation raffle starts



Babies

In the Baby room, we have enjoyed exploring Winter through our play. We have been playing with the winter animals in the shredded paper, exploring sensory bottles filled with twigs and paper. We have also been exploring new environments so we went on the train to Hedge End Yellow Dot to explore their Baby Room! AS well as trips to the park and Library to take part in baby bounce sessions.



Toddlers

Since being back from Christmas, the Toddlers have been very busy role playing with the dolls. We made a home corner with the kitchen and beds for the dolls. We have also had a focus on colours. So we have been painting, body painting with muddy puddles on, practicing our colours with building duplo and created a colourful ball pit. The children have been very creative and constructed a train out of boxes. We have also welcomed the new toddlers who have moved up from the baby room and we are enjoying getting to know each other.



Transition

This last month we have been exploring all things Winter related. We read a story about Jack Frost and noticed that he left frost on our balcony glass! We used our fingers to write our names and make marks in the frost. This has sparked conversations in how to stay warm in the cold and successfully practicing putting on our own coats, hats, scarves and gloves ready for the garden.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been looking out for Candy Floss around the room to think about what rules we have to follow in order to stay safe. The children have been listening to "Frog in Winter" and talking about the clothes we need to wear in order to keep warm while outside. The children have been making their own snow flakes, looking at different patterns. We have been using old cards and scissors to practice our cutting skills and making our own creations. They are really enjoying learning new games such as "cobbler cobbler" as a way to follow directions.

