



Candyfloss

Dear Families,

Yippee! Summertime has arrived and we have been having a fabulous time keeping cool with water play and it has been a real favourite - at Yellow Dot we all love water play!

Water Play provides hours of rich and valuable early childhood experiences to develop children's creativity and imagination. We acknowledge that the environment is a teacher. Water play is both enjoyable and educational. It helps children develop eye-hand coordination and math and science concepts.

We have also been observing the wonderful life cycle of a butterfly. Watching and caring for our caterpillars, observing them creating their cocoons and pushing their way out to become beautiful butterflies. This wonderful experience brought much discussion across the nursery and has provoked some lovely creative experiences.

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 17th July. This is an opportunity to come and visit our Nursery beyond drop off and pick up; to be shown around the Room which your child will be moving into, and to meet the new Team and Key People who will continue to be inspiring potential in your child. It's an occasion to ask questions and talk about your child's interests and how we continue to meet their individual needs. It will also be a chance to meet with other parents and share samples of our yummy Nursery cooked nibbles. Please ask if you have any further questions.

Best wishes

Kim Doubell

Nursery Manager

Dates

Opening evening - 17th July
6.15pm till 7.15pm

Kindergarten Graduation –
14th August 3-4pm



At Yellow Dot, Candyfloss appears in each of the rooms. Candyfloss shows children how to stay safe in many situations during the day. Children learn how to keep themselves safe. For instance, the children use Candyfloss to highlight any potential risks to their friends, such as reminding each other to be careful on the stairs or how we correctly hold scissors. The mascot allows children instantly to understand that risk needs to be discussed and managed together, team guide the children during these discussions, supporting safer knowledge and understanding. We want our children to manage 'good risks' in play provision as it provides challenge and supports their growth in learning and development, increasing opportunities for enriching engagement.

When children are given a chance to engage freely in adventurous play, they quickly learn to assess their own skills and match them to the demands of the environment.

Babies

The Baby unit have been exploring Summer time as we enjoy picnics in the garden and making ice lollies. The children have also been making Summer time sand castles which of course we love to squash down. The children enjoyed singing about our caterpillar friends and were able to see their colourful wings fly away. We would also like to thank our lovely Daddies who came to our Fathers Day event.



Toddlers

Caterpillars have given us much excitement this June and we watched the butterflies take their first journey in our garden -we talked about the colours and how their tiny wings move and where their journeys may take them. The Toddlers have been having splashes and keeping cool in the water, pouring and filling and most importantly getting wet. During July, we are thinking about those special times on holidays and days out with our family, talking about how we might travel and what we might see.



Transition

The Transition children have been discovering how our little caterpillars have formed into beautiful butterflies. This brought much fascination and of course lots of questions. Alongside this experience, we read a well loved story "The Hungry Caterpillar" which expanded our learning as we talked about different foods and what's good for our bodies. During July, we are exploring the world around us, sharing our holiday experiences.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten children are becoming very excited with them moving and starting school in September. We have been sharing special stories about starting school and how it makes us feel, talking about our school visits and meeting some of the teachers. The children are very proud of their next chapter and we are very proud of them. During June, the children waited very patiently for our butterflies to pop out of their cocoons. We observed them and set them free hoping they will come back to visit the flowers in our garden. We have also loved our water station making different water runs from guttering and pipes.



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