


We hope you are well 😊 This year has gone so quickly and we cannot believe that we are only 7 weeks away from the end of term and will be saying goodbye to many children and families who have been at the nursery since they were babies. Children who are leaving us to go to school by now should have had their school allocated for September can you please ensure the name of your child's new school is shared with their key person. Over the next few months, we will be preparing children for transitions to their new school or to a new area in the nursery. Over the next few weeks, a letter will be sent out to parents informing them of the room their child will be moving on to as well as dates this will happen with some information about the room and settling-in sessions for their child. Please read on for our June News

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Rolos News

During June we will be learning about our local community. We will be going out and about walking to the local schools and taking a trip to Tesco where we will also be talking about different occupations and picking up some groceries for our cooking activities. We will also be talking about different occupations during role play where we will have a shop, a hairdressers and dress up in the different costumes from our dressing up trolley. The writing area will be turned into a school where we can practice our writing, look at pictures of different schools in our area and dress up in some school uniforms. To help our transitions to school we will be having a walk to some of the local schools and having a look at the school from the outside. Miss Tranter is also trying to arrange some school visits so we can go inside and have a look at the environment. We will provide you with dates once we have these.

We will be continuing with our Jolly Phonics learning, practicing the letters and sounds we have learned by singing the songs, listening to the stories and practising forming the letters in different ways such as writing the letter 'A' in the cornflour or seracing for the letter 'S' in the sand. These are all fun activities which promote our literacy skills.

Our colour this month will be red and we will base our creative activities around the colour by making red play dough, red gloop and red shaving foam.

This month we will also start practising for our leavers assembly which is top secret !

We will continue with our library visits and hopefully start visiting the park again. We have a very busy month ahead!

You can also keep up to date with nursery events on Facebook Little Swans Day Nursery @Littleswansdaynursery

Our Topic at nursery for the SUMMER Term is.....
OUR COMMUNITY

Smarties News

This month the Smarties have a lot of exciting activities planned which include creative activities as well as maths and literacy activities. This month is Father's Day and the children will be supported to make a card for their special person using paints, collage materials and glitter, we will also be encouraging the children to design their own card and make their own marks when writing their message. The children will also be treating their special person with some baking, I have heard yummy cupcakes are on the menu 😊 We will be looking at differences of people in the community to support the children's understanding of disabilities as part of national disability week, we will be using small world resources in play to help the children identify differences such as a child in a wheelchair or a child who wears glasses. As part of our community topic, we will be looking at the outdoor environments and talking about what we see when we come to the nursery including discussions about the weather and the different seasons. As the children enjoy dressing up we will be sorting clothes based on seasons what we wear when the weather is hot and what we wear when it is cold. We will also be creating seasonal pictures and talking about the different colours we see on leaves and plants at different times of the year. Many of the Smartie children will be moving into preschool next term so we will be doing work to support the transition this will involve role-playing in uniforms and visiting the new room the children will be in and meeting their new teachers and spending some time playing in the room to familiarise themselves. To continue with the fun the children will be getting messy with sand and water play as well as activities using shaving foam with paint brushes to explore the marks they can make and use their senses to describe how it feels, smells, etc. If your child is leaving to go to nursery school and will not be moving into our pre school room please speak with your child's key person.

Jelly Babies News

The Jelly Babies Have a fun and exciting month ahead of them. We have planned a variety of activities such as ice painting, where we will freeze paint and encourage the children to hold the ice cube in their hands and make marks with it on paper and see how they respond to the textures as the ice begins to melt. We also have some cooking activities plans, one of which will be making chocolate rice crispie cakes. We will also be making our own orange juice using fresh oranges and squeezing these to make the juice as well as making fruit ice lollies to enjoy now the weather is becoming warmer, yummy! We will also be making Father's days cards for someone special and celebrating Eid with a party at the end of the month 😊 We will be trying bubble art this month as we love bubbles and getting messy so have decided to combine the two, we will be mixing liquid, paint, and water and using cutters to make prints on the paper as the bubbles form.

Jelly Tots News

During this month the Jelly Tots will be learning and exploring about different types of transport. We will be identifying which type of transport travels where for example cars on the road, boats in the water, and airplanes in the sky. We will be encouraging the children to share their traveling experiences with each other, if you have any photos you can share it would be lovely for your child to bring this into the nursery. We will also be continuing to learn colours, numbers, and shapes as part of our circle time activities as well as through play and creative experiences. Sand play will also be explored more this month as the children have particularly enjoyed building sand castles we will be hiding items in the sand and encouraging the children to dig to find them and then describe what they have found, as well as exploring water play and seeing which items sink / float. The children will be exploring dressing up as well as selecting their own resources to create their own marks during mark-making activities.

Sweeties News

This month the Sweeties children will begin to rehearse their leavers' performance at the end of July. The children will be learning Makaton for the rhymes they will be singing and was a new dance routine for the finale. The children have really enjoyed learning their phonics and this month we will be continuing with this learning phonics songs to support our pronunciation as well as the actions to help us remember the letter's sound. We will also be supporting children to share their feelings about moving from nursery to big school in September, to help them the children have helped Andrea make a role-play school area in which they can explore and role-play teachers, etc.. 😊 The Sweeties children will be spending more time outside as the weather is becoming warmer, they will have opportunities to explore the mud kitchen, painting outside as well as the big sand pit we are hoping that it becomes really warm so we can have the small pools and lots of water play out, this will help children's understanding of the outdoor environment and learn to explore this independently. We have also planned some Maths activities to help develop the children's recognition of numbers, shapes, and colours as well as recognising letters to support literacy skills. These activities will also help develop friendships and play ideas as they learn to work with each other and negotiate on each other's ideas as they communicate their preferences. Sweeties morning children will continue to visit the library on Monday mornings and Thursday Afternoons at the children at nursery from 1-4 pm. We will be doing a cooking activity each week and have a special surprise for Father's Day. We will also have our Eid party we love celebrations 😊

Heroes News

This month we will be doing lots of activities and having so much fun !! We will be making Father's Day cards for someone special, creating our own self-portraits as well as learning more about healthy eating, and making lots of food such as pizza, fruit kebabs, and healthy muffins. We will also be celebrating Eid this month and having a party at the nursery on Wednesday 28th of June the children will be learning some Banghra dancing and well as making Eid cards. Many of the Heroes children will be leaving us at the end of the term to start big school, if you have not already told us which school your child will be going to then please speak with Sarish, this is really important so we can share information about your child's learning and development. We will also be helping children prepare for the transition in the Heroes room, our police station will be changed into a school for the children to explore and role-play. The dressing up area will also have a section of school uniforms and PE items for the children to practice their self-help skills by getting dressed into their uniform as well as PE wear. If you have any old uniforms from your older children going to nursery then this would be greatly appreciated so add to our collection including pumps, school bags, and book bags. Thank you 😊 The children have been showing an interest in music and using their senses to explore sound, therefore, we have decided to make our own musical instruments using bottles, pasta, rice, flour, etc... this will support listening skills and children listen out for the bottles which made the louder sounds and the ones which are quieter. We will also be experimenting with paint and using different apparatus to create marks, in one of our creative activities the children will be encouraged to fill the spray bottles with paint and then using large pieces of paper on the floor spray the paint, the children will be able to see how the pattern forms if they are sprayed close or further away from the paper as well as how the colours mix when they all spray onto the paper. We will also be developing our small world play and the tuff tray will be filled with sand to allow the children to use the trains to make tracks and create their own unique train station. The Heroes will continue to visit the library on a Tuesday afternoons and choose some books to bring back to the nursery to read. We have so much more planned but there is not enough space to tell you about it, remember to ask your child what they have done at nursery this will also support their communication skills and help them prepare for when they go to school 😊

PARENT NOTICES

Staff annual leave for this month: June

1st - 2nd June - Sharon & Sehar
5th June - Lois and Yousra
6th June - Yousra
8th June - Miss Tranter & Jodi
9th June - Jodi
16th June - Nameera
19th June - Sumayah - Miss Tranter on training
23rd June - Sehar
26th June - 2nd July Miss Tranter
29th June - Nameera
30th June - Rebecca and Nameera

Staffing

Welcome to Latisha who has joined the Rolos team. Latisha is a level 2 apprentice and will be at nursery from 8 am - 4. 30 pm each day. Sumayah has now moved to work in the Jelly Babies room.

General:

Can We please remind all parents to bring their child in with a sun hat clearly labelled. Hats with peaks and material at the back to cover the neck of the most suitable. Thank you

Children's Water Bottles: Can we please remind all parents your child's water bottle brought into the nursery each day MUST only contain water? Thank you

June Dates for your Diary

12th - 16th June - Healthy Eating Week
13th June - External visitor doing sensory stories with preschool children
18th June - Father's Day
28th June - Eid Party - Due to allergies and food intolerances we will not be asking parents to donate food but to donate £1 towards the party. Thank You.
29th June - Staff Meeting - Startwell Training (external trainer) and planning meeting. All children are to be collected at 4.45 pm. Thank you.

Leavers Assembly Dates to plan for:

17th July & 14th July. Your child's key person will confirm which performance your child will be taking part in. The performances will be from 2.15 pm onwards at the library next to the nursery.

We will also be holding rehearsals on Fridays you will be informed of these dates once they have been confirmed. There will be a brochure to purchase as your ticket for £ 1 each. Due to space, we can accommodate 2 adults per child.

Room Messages:

Heroes: Heroes would like to ask parents to donate any spray bottles they may have at home. Please wash thoroughly. Also empty boxes for junk modelling and any old bottles such as small pop / water bottles. Thank you

Sweeties : Can you please ensure your child has spare clothes in their bag each day. Thank you

Jelly Babies: Can parents please donate empty toilet / kitchen rolls and any empty plastic milk bottles. Thank you

Important Notices

Sun cream policy

As the weather is becoming warmer and we have had a few days of sunshine can we please remind parents of the sun cream policy at nursery.

Children under 2 years of age: Please provide your child with a labelled bottle of sun cream so this can be put on by staff at the nursery prior to the children going outside.

Children aged 2 years and above: We ask all parents to ensure their child has a high-factor 12-hour lotion applied to their skin each day before coming to nursery. We also ask children to wear lightweight clothes that cover their legs and arms. Staff does not apply the cream at the nursery.

Outdoor play

When the sun is at it hottest we do not take the children out in the outdoor area unless shaded.

Sports Day

We will be having Sports Day for the preschool children throughout the week commencing 3rd July 2023. The children will compete in races at the nursery in the Astroturf area. We will be having an egg and spoon race, Hula Hoop Race, Running Race, and Bean Bag on the head race. Due to space, we are unable to invite parents however we will take lots of pictures and videos to share with you all. As the weather is becoming nicer it is a great opportunity to take your child to the park and help them practice for their races 😊

Have a great month all 😊