


NEWSLETTER MARCH 2023

Little Swans Day Nursery
March 2023

Welcome to our March Newsletter! Although it is Spring, we don't seem to be having that warmer weather just yet, so please remember to send your children in to nursery in warm clothing and coats for outdoor play. We will be beginning our Spring activities in all the areas this month, planting seeds and talking  about growth and change in the Preschool areas. We also have lots of things to celebrate this month, including, Mother's Day, Red Nose Day and Ramadan. Towards the end of the month, we will also be starting some Easter activities as the term time only children will not be in nursery during the week before Easter. What a busy month everyone has planned!

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Our Nursery Topic This Term is The Environment

Jelly Babies News

Hello everyone, a huge welcome to the new children and families who have joined the Jelly Babies room this month. We have lots of fun and messy activities planned to keep the children busy and help settle in our new friends to their new environment.

The children will be doing lots of role play (this is a favourite activity) and we have decided to add washing the dolls into our role play as the children have really been enjoying water play.

We have also planned to cook pizzas, fruit kebabs, cup cakes and banana bread. Yummy!!

As always we have lots of creative activities planned including painting with bubble wrap, making paint bags, ball painting and vegetable printing as well as making a special gift and card to send home for Mother's Day.

Last month the children really enjoyed box play. If you have any large empty boxes at home could you please bring them into nursery. Thank you.

The areas of learning and next steps we will be promoting throughout our planning this month are:
Communication and Language: copying sounds and single words.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Forming Relationships with other children.

Physical Development: Moving and Handling: Control of physical movements when making purposeful movements such as mark making or grasping a toy.

Smarties News

This month the smarties have lots of exciting activities to look forward to. We have World Book Day where the children can dress up as a character from a book and we will be reading lots of stories. We also have Mother's Day coming up this month. We will be having circle time where we will talk about what our mother or someone special does for us and we will be making Mother's Day cards. We will also be decorating flowers with tissue paper and paint. As well as our Mother's Day activities, the Smarties will be focussing on messy play such as sand, water, soil and shaving foam to encourage and develop language and communication. With Oral Health Day approaching, the Smarties will be talking about why it is important to keep our mouths and teeth clean and healthy. The children will be taking part in activities such as brushing teeth, which links to our Startwell character Smiley Shen. It is also Red Nose Day this month and the children will have the opportunity to wear their red noses and take part in lots of fun activities. We will also be doing activities around the festivals of Holi and Ramadan.

The areas of learning and next steps we will be promoting through our planning this month are:
Expressive arts and design: Explore different materials, using all of their senses to investigate them. Manipulate and play with different materials.

Physical Development: Health and Self Care: Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and toothbrushing.

Understanding the World: People and Communities: Continue developing positive attitudes about the differences between people.

Jelly Tots News

This month we are going to be very busy and having lots of fun. We are going to be introducing 2D shapes and learning to name and identify them and eventually learn about their properties. We will also continue to learn our colours and numbers beyond 5. We will be exploring paint with brushes, sponges and our hands and feet. We will be doing lots of different construction activities using the Duplo, stickle bricks and starburst. The children will be doing junk modelling with different sized boxes and will be producing something special to take home. As it is Ramadan this month, we will be making cards and dressing up. We will also be making cards and something special for Mother's Day. With Easter coming up, we will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade and egg hunt. Our Startwell character is 2 Snacks Max and we will be talking to the children about healthy portion sizes.

As well as all of the above activities, we will be focussing on the following areas of development and next steps: Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Develop friendships with other children and Talk about their feelings in more elaborated ways eg "I'm sad because...."

Communication and Language: Listen and respond to simple instructions. Physical Development: Sit on a push along wheeled toy, use a scooter or ride a tricycle.

Heroes News

Spring is finally here so we will be taking part in lots of different spring themes activities. We will be celebrating Mother's Day this month and the children will be making cards using a variety of different materials. They will also be making a card which they will decorate using paint and glitter to hang for someone special. We will also be planting a sunflower seed which we will look after at nursery until we bring it home for Mother's Day. It is also Red nose day this month and the children and the children will be taking part in different activities such as painting and decorating Red nose day faces using a variety of materials. They will also be making Red nose day shortbreads, which they will measure the ingredients for and decorate themselves. It is also Ramadan this month and we will be talking to the children about Ramadan and why it is celebrated and doing various activities to celebrate the month of fasting. The areas of learning and next steps we will be focussing on are: Understanding the world: Understand the key features of the life cycle of a plant and an animal. Expressive arts and design: Join different materials and explore different materials. Literacy: Write some or all of their name.

Sweeties News

Sweeties are going to be very busy this month!

They will have the opportunity to dress up as a character from a book for world book day. We will be learning about the different parts of a book and decorating our own Gingerbread men with icing sugar. These activities will encourage the children to use their imaginations and show their preferences.

The Sweeties will continue with Jolly Phonics, learning the new letter sounds. They have enjoyed learning the songs and bringing different items beginning with the letters to share with their friends. They will also be practising their pencil control, using dots and trying to form letters. Throughout the nursery we have been introducing Makaton signs to the children and we have begun to use simple signs such as Hello, Goodbye and Good morning. The sweeties will be making Mother's Day cards this month. We will encourage them to decorate their cards and make marks to represent their name. The children will also be learning about Ramadan this month through listening to stories and doing lots of craft activities. We will also be doing lots of Easter activities including an Easter Bonnet parade and an Easter egg hunt and lots of craft activities. We will be cooking with the children this month to give them the opportunity to weigh and measure the different ingredients. The areas of learning and next steps we will be focussing on through our planning this month are: Communication and language: Notice what adults do, taking turns in conversation.

Understanding the world: Notice differences between people.

Physical development: use a comfortable grip with good control when using pencils.

Literacy: Make marks on the picture to stand for their name.

Mathematics: Count in everyday contexts

Staff Holidays

Sairish 1st-6th March

Yousra 6th-10th March

Karen 3rd March

Shaida 10th March and 17th March

Nameera 13th March and 31st March

Sehar 27th-29th March

SEN Drop-in Session

Dee will be holding her regular SEN drop in session on Wednesday 29th March at 10am. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss any concerns they may have around their child's development. You can also call Dee on the nursery mobile during this time on 07597494216

Staff News

Elle has unfortunately had to leave us earlier than expected as the doctors want to monitor her and the baby until he comes along. We already miss her and we will be visiting her soon and will keep you up to date with any news and let you know when the baby arrives.

Rolos News

This month in Rolos we will be very busy! Our colour of the month is yellow and we will be adding to the colour table as usual. We will be exploring lots of materials that we have coloured yellow such as rice, playdough pasta, cornflour and water. We will be doing activities for Mother's Day, such as making cards and gifts and planting sunflower seeds. We will be doing lots of activities for Red nose day using a range of different materials and cooking activities. As it is Ramadan this month, we will be talking to the children about it, using books from the library and dressing up and dancing to different music. The Preschool children will be continuing with their Jolly Phonics learning and we will keep you informed of what letters we are working on so you can support your child's learning at home. We will continue with our weekly library visits and hopefully as the weather improves, we will be visiting the park again. The children will also be visiting Carr's Lane this month to sing for the Nannies and Grandads. The areas of learning and next steps that we will be focussing on this month are:

Physical Development: Moving and Handling: Use one handed tools and equipment.

Understanding the World: Begin to understand the life cycle of a plant and an animal.

Important Dates for March

Preschool (Heroes, Rolos and Sweeties) will continue with their park and library visits, your child's keyperson will inform you of the dates.

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day

Wednesday 15th March

Preschool visiting Carr's Lane.

Friday 17th March Red Nose Day

Sunday 19th March Mother's Day

Wednesday 22nd March

Ramadan begins

Tuesday 28th March Easter

Bonnet Parade (Term time only children)

Friday 31st March Term time only children break up for Easter

Parent Messages

Can we please ask that parents of the Jelly babies do not call between 12 and 1:30pm. This is the time that the babies usually sleep and the phone ringing can be very disruptive as it can wake the babies and cause them to then wake others. You are welcome to call and check on your child but we would ask that you do it outside of these times.

A few of the children in the Smarties room are beginning to outgrow a nap during the day. We set out quiet activities for the children who do not sleep in the front room of Smarties. If you do still wish for your child to sleep, we will still lie them on a bed and encourage them to sleep but if they have not gone to sleep after 20 minutes, we will move them over to the quiet activities as they could disturb the children who are already sleeping.

Have a great month all!!!