

During the month of August some areas will remain closed, the same as last month. This is because we have less children as the grant children are still off for the summer term. They are due back the beginning of next month when all areas will re-open.

Robin, from Rolos will be leaving us on Friday 12th August. Robin will be taking on a new role at the Childrens Hospital. We wish her well for the future. You will be missed Robin!!!

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Rolos News

Hi everyone, this month we are going to be having lots of fun and will be very busy! The children will be designing their own school uniform using different coloured paints, glue and sticking materials they have chosen themselves. We will be learning about the Summer Season by learning a summer song of things we may see in the summer season and creating our own summer collage. Last month the children showed lots of interest in learning about different occupations, so we will be dressing up as 'those that help us', using the role play resources to act out occupations, such as fire-fighters, doctors, nurses and dentists.

We will also be discussing how each job role helps us during circle time discussions.

Each week the children will be taking part in a physical task to complete the Startwell 6 week summer challenge. We will be using our Startwell headbands to link each activity to a character. For instance, we will be outside in the garden doing a 'busy feet' dance and one of the children will wear an 'Active Azra' headband. During the month we will also be using our creative skills to make play dough, exploring the weight and amount of ingredients we need and mixing colours together to create a rainbow play dough.

We will use tools to create 3d shapes such as cylinders, spheres, cubes and cuboids.

We hope all parents and carers and families have a great month!

Messages

Please ensure Childrens jackets are going home and that each child has a water bottle that has a label with your child's name on it.

And a reminder that 4 weeks' notice is required before children leave to go to school.

Robins last day is Friday 12th August ☹️

Our Topic at nursery for the Spring Term is.....
THE ENVIRONMENT

Smarties News

During the month of August the children will be taking part in lots of fun summer activities, such as exploring the bugs in the garden, planting seeds, cress and watching it grow. We will have lots of water play to cool the children down when the weather is hot. We will be 'experiencing' a trip to the beach by having a beach tuff tray activity.

The children will be focusing on the summer theme. We will be doing expressive arts and design around 'summertime', such as making paper plate ice creams, and using paint to make our summer flip flops. We will encourage the children to talk about their holiday experiences, the children will get to see a real passport. We will also talk about different ways to travel on holiday, by car, aeroplane or ferry, ship etc. The children will make aeroplanes and hot air balloons as part of their travel learning and exploring experience.

The children will be having a teddy bears picnic during August on one of our sunny but not too hot days. They can bring their favourite teddy from home, to share the picnic fun with them!

We will also be having a pyjama day towards the middle of August and the children can come in that day with their favourite PJs on.

We will be carrying on with the sensory activities as the Smarties have enjoyed them. Sensory play will give our children a chance to explore new textures, smells, tastes and sounds, incorporating all of their senses.

We will also be involved in ice painting, encouraging the children to feel the cold ice and paint as well as using the brushes if the cold is something they don't like to touch.

We will be experimenting with different ways of mark making such as canvases, using different materials and textures within their painting and mark making, painting on foil, foam painting as well as using sponges and rollers.

We will be exploring number songs and rhymes as well as lots of shape play.

The children have been making progress with saying numbers and some of the children are confident to say them in sequence too. We will be developing our fine motor skills by using a variety of tools. The children will use scissors to cut along different shapes, to practice cutting in lines.

Jelly Babies News

This month the Jelly Babies that are moving up to other areas will be doing some settling in, in their new rooms. The Jelly babies' staff wish them all the best. We are going to miss you!!

This month our Jelly Babies will be having a Teddy Bear Picnic (18th August). We will be asking parents and carers to bring in their child's favourite cuddly, though not too big please! The babies will then use role play food to 'feed' their teddies during the picnic.

The babies also have a Pyjama day (26th August). On this day your child can attend the setting in their pjs. Roll out of bed straight into nursery! How good is that!

This month the babies will be exploring different activities with their friends and teachers. For example, making butterfly cakes where they will be encouraged to pour the ingredients into the mixing bowl and stir. 'Butterflies' mean new beginnings, and for some of the children new to the room, it will be a new start with new friends and carers. We're sure the children will enjoy tasting the strawberries and cream as well as the sprinkles.

We will also be making collage butterflies where the children will be encouraged to use different materials such as tissue paper, glitter, paint, pipe cleaners and felt. They will have chance to explore the different textures.

We will be welcoming new friends to the setting by taking part in group activities and exploring the sand with pots and pans, animals, bugs, little people (Happy Land new toys for the children) and water. Our babies will be encouraged to play alongside of their new friends.

The babies will take part in group painting, taking turns while exploring textures. The babies will also show their new friends how to dance to tumble tots songs.

We kindly ask parents to continue giving water/milk in an open top cup. They have been fantastic with cup control!

Events for This Month

Wednesday 17th August - 2pm - 4pm Whole nursery graduation party and dress up day. The children get to wear their party clothes for party games etc.

A list of party food will be up in each area for you to put your name to, and provide on the day. Thank you.

Thursday 18th August - Teddy Bears Picnic for all areas. Please bring in a furry toy, it doesn't have to be a teddy, for your child to take to the picnic. Not too big though!!

Thursday 25th August - Staff Meeting
Please make sure your child is collected by 4:45pm on this day

Friday 26th August - Pyjama Party for all areas. Children can come dressed in their pjs this day ready for the party