

NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to this, our first newsletter of 2021. It's set out to keep you informed and if you would like to have anything included in future, please let me know.

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Sam's back!!!

Sam has come back from maternity and will be working primarily in the 2-3's room.

Welcome back Sam!



<u>Cultural Capital!</u>

Cultural Capital is about how well the curriculum is used to create and enhance the experiences and opportunities available to children.

Some children arrive at an early year's settings with a smaller range of experiences than others.

What we do as a setting, through the curriculum and interactions, is provide a rich environment that can positively impact children's futures.

It is the role of the setting to ensure that children experience the 'Awe and Wonder' of the world in which they live, through the seven areas of learning.

Cultural Capital is the essential knowledge that children need to be educated citizens!

We had many trips organised to allow us to give children these different experiences but due to the current situation we have had to postpone these, therefore we have put together a timetable of different activities which the children can experience within the safety of our setting! Below is a table to show you what we have done and are going to do.

If you have any questions about this or want to get involved, then let us know!! Also, new and exciting ideas are always welcomed!

LAST MONTH	
Experiences	
Real Instruments	
Using real tools	
Food Tasting	
Christmas shopping and wrapping	
THIS MONTH	
Week	Experiences
Beginning	
04.01.21	Pet Care (Tortoises)
11.01.21	Pet Care (Barclay)
18.01.21	The Arts (Music)
25.01.21	The Arts (Exploring Artwork)
01.02.21	The Arts (Dance)
08.02.21	Den Building (Indoors & Out)
15.02.21	Traditional Cookery (Pancake Making, etc.)



Thank you so much for uploading all of your pictures and comments on your child's posts Please remember to check Tapestry as we are trying to upload as much

as we can for you. KPK's will now be put on alongside photos so that you get the chance to see what they are doing, as well as reading some of the targets they are meeting!

We will no longer be doing memos at the end of the week as Tapestry is back up and running but please ask you child's key person if you would like an individual daily handover

TOPICS

The children's topic this half term is <u>'Kind Minds'</u> This is about being kind, relationships & people who help us!



We thought it might be nice to give you some ideas of what you can do at home with your children to keep the links between home and Nursery...

- 1) Make a 'Kindness' chart with your child, for example, read a book together, draw a picture for someone, help to make dinner, etc. You can tick these off as they are done!
- 2) Pick stones that you find on a walk, write some kind words and paint them.
- 3) Spot the 'Ambulance,' 'Police car,' Fire Engine,' etc. when you are in the car or on a walk!
- 4) Play games that require sharing and taking turns.
- 5) Take pictures of 'Acts of Kindness' that your child does on their own or with you (maybe even them giving their bears a cuddle!) and post them Tapestry to add to their learning journal.
- 6) 'Handprint People' Use the children's hands, paint them, print them and make police, doctors, etc. using paint and pens.



The tortoises are going into hibernation soon and they won't be about until around March time so make sure you say goodbye...



for now!!



We will be sending out a 'Parent Questionnaire' within the next week.

We urge you to fill this in and send back to us via email.



Thank you for reading, we hope you have found this useful. There will be more throughout the year but please remember to let us know if there is anything you would like added to our next edition!

Thank you also for your continued support, it is appreciated more than you know!

