



Little Smarties Newsletter



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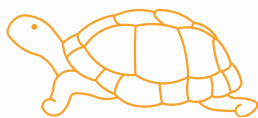
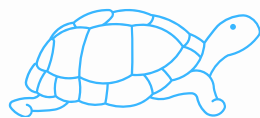
Welcome to your September newsletter!



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Paving the Way....

Our Ethos

At Little Smarties Nursery we believe we are 'Paving the Way' for our 'Little Smarties' to progress in the best ways they can to maximise their potential.

We are a family run Nursery which is where the heart of our ethos lies. It is essential that we not only allow our children to find their own paths but also for the families to enjoy and watch the transition through their early years.

We appreciate all families have individual needs and their child is part of that. So being adaptable allows us to care for their children without giving them added pressure, taking out the stress of childcare. We know how hard it is to leave your child, but we endeavour to give them a home from home environment.

We recognise that every child has their own individual path they need to discover, and it is our role to guide them to find it. Each path is unique, just like the child, and it excites us to be able to see them grow and venture down their path to develop and blossom.

We do what we say and say what we do. For us, it's about people, families & children, it's not just a business.

We are also committed to being open and honest with each other – with parents, our team, and the team with each other, building trust and honesty is so important to us within the nursery.

Our Aims

Foster Nurture Safe Engaging Experience Develop

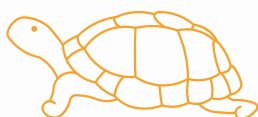
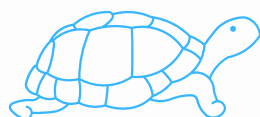
To foster and nurture rich and dynamic learning environments where children can explore and find the paths they wish to take.

To create a safe and engaging environment for children to be inspired and feel comfortable to explore and make meaningful relationships

To give every child the tools to experience rich meaningful relationships and to discover the world around them.

To develop a sense of self and interests





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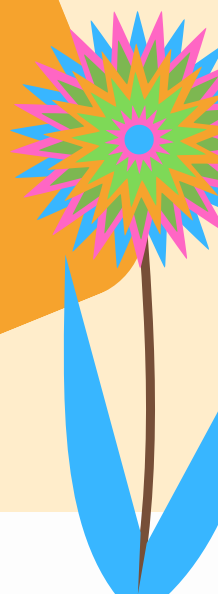
WELCOME!



We just wanted to take this opportunity to say welcome back to our children and families who have been off for the 6 weeks holidays and to our new families who have joined our Little Smarties family!

We have some fun things planned for this coming year and we can't wait to share them all with you!

**WELCOME
BACK**





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MANAGEMENT TEAM



MEL

OWNER & MANAGER

MARSHA



**OPERATIONS
MANAGER**

VICKY



**DEPUTY
MANAGER**

IAN

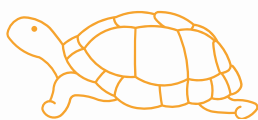
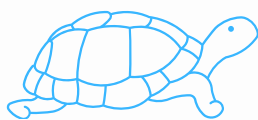


**KITCHEN & FINANCE
MANAGER**





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OUR STAFF

WINDSOR'S ROOM (UNDER 2'S)



TYLER

ROOM LEAD

ROFIYAT



NIKKI



SOPHIA

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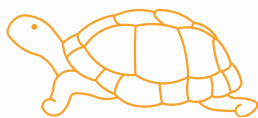
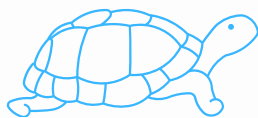


MARIA



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OUR STAFF

ROWLING'S ROOM (2-3'S)



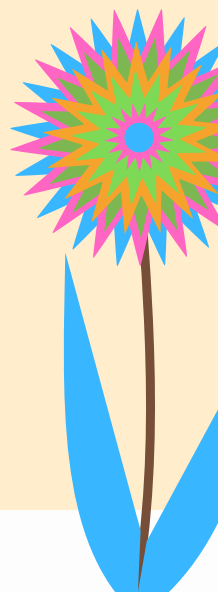
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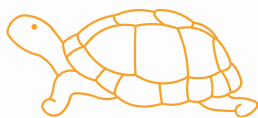
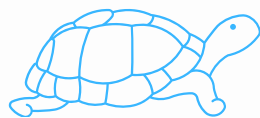
ROOM LEAD

MICHELLE



TINA





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EINSTEIN'S ROOM (3-5'S)



KATIE

ROOM LEAD

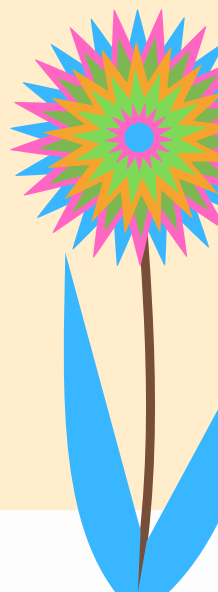
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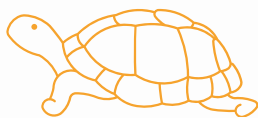
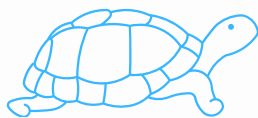


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OUR STAFF

HELPING IN BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL AND
OTHER ROOMS

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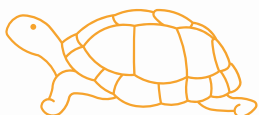
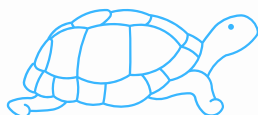
LESLEY



**We have a new lady starting with us on the 28th
September.**

**Her name is Kirsty and she is a Level 3 practitioner.
She will be coming in over the next couple of weeks to do
some training, so you may get to see her!**





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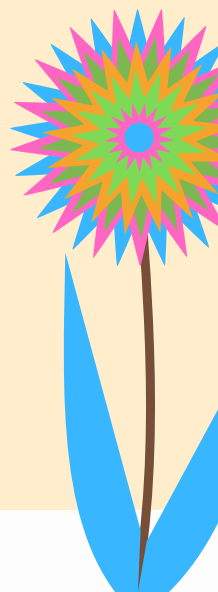
KITCHEN STAFF

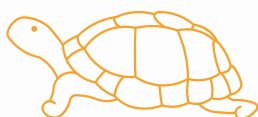
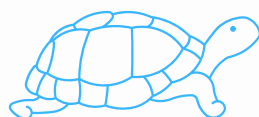


CARON



WENDY





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TRAINING

Marsha and Mel have recently been on a course called Making It REAL

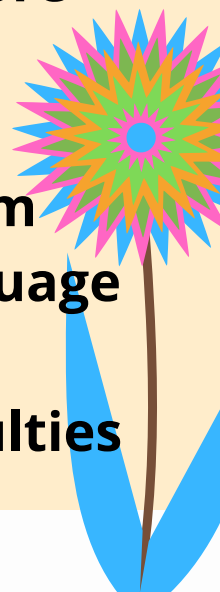
REAL stands for Raising Early Achievement in Literacy

The link below will give you some more information about this

<https://educationessex.essex.gov.uk/makingitreal>

We will be running some literacy events that we would love for parents to get involved in...more details about these will follow.

Mel and Marsha will also be doing WellComm training next week which is a Speech and Language Toolkit to identify children who may need appropriate support put in place for any difficulties they might have





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Following on from Making it REAL I would like bring your attention to something called
TLC
(Talk Listen Cuddle)

This is an Essex campaign helping parents, carers and families give their children the best start in life, developing their communication skills through playful learning at home.

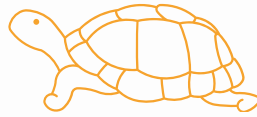
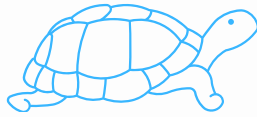
I have added the QR code below for you to have a look...hope it's helpful!

Website





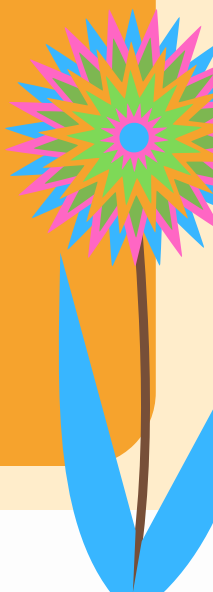
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Below is a flyer about TastEd (this will be displayed in our cabinet outside)

Vicky and Mel have signed up for the Essex TastEd training which is to help children to explore food through play and hopefully encourage them to try new foods.

We have many children who do not want to eat or find mealtimes difficult so we are hoping that this will give us some extra strategies to help but also give opportunities for children to enjoy exploring different foods!





TastEd



TRANSFORMING FOOD EDUCATION

TastEd is a charity that provides support to early years settings to delivery sensory food education.

TastEd activities consist of a series of **fun, sensory games and activities** involving direct exploration of vegetables and fruits, with the aim of supporting children to become more confident trying new foods.

To find out more and access TastEd's resources go to:
www.tasteeducation.com

"This program has opened my eyes and I can not put into words how it made me feel when the child / children try new foods for the first time and the look at parents faces when you tell them or they try at home and the parent tells you."

Pre-school Educator, Essex

TastEd in Essex

Essex County Council and TastEd are working together to support early years providers to introduce sensory food education into their settings.

We will support participating settings in a range of different ways, including providing resources, training and in-setting visits.

We would love to hear from any early years setting interested in taking part.

To sign up for an information session and find out more about how to get involved, please complete this form:



Working together for Essex

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our future 

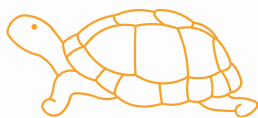
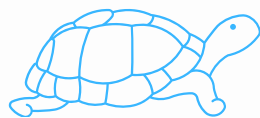

Essex County Council

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 TastEd

TastEd is a registered charity in England and Wales, charity number 1183753 and in Scotland, charity number SC053373





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We are excited to share with you that we will be starting a new venture called 'Little Leaf Learners'

We are currently risk assessing the woodland area over on the field by the Nursery and will be taking the children there to do some 'Forest School' learning.

Vicky will be commencing her Forest School training in February 2027 but we will be starting some sessions before this to get the children used to it.

Don't worry...we will have much more information for you before this starts!





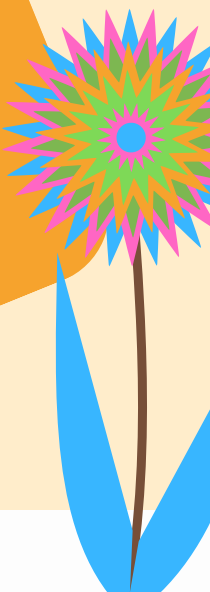
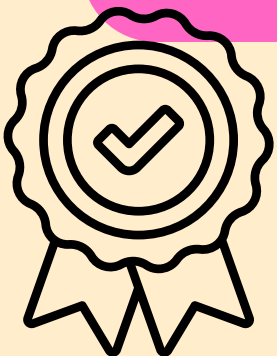
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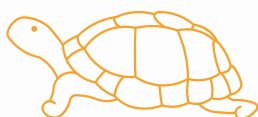
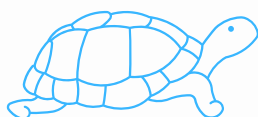


INSET DAY

We wanted to remind you that on **Friday 30th October**, we will be **closed** for our Inset Day.

We will all be completing our Paediatric First Aid which is now a requirement for all staff to be trained in.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 18th September

Rofiyat's last day before going on Maternity Leave!

Wednesday 23rd September

LITERACY EVENT - Messy Morning

WB: 5th October

Grandparents Week

Tuesday 13th October

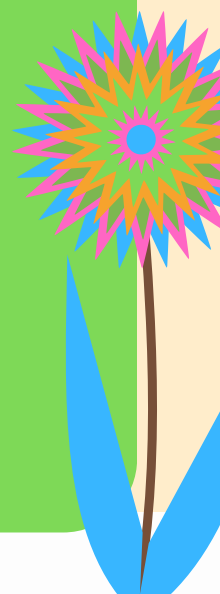
Christmas Photos

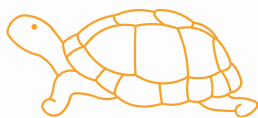
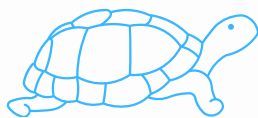
Friday 23rd October

Term Time Only children leave for holidays

Monday 26th - Thursday 29th October

Holiday Club





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UPCOMING EVENTS!

Friday 30th October
CLOSED FOR INSET DAY

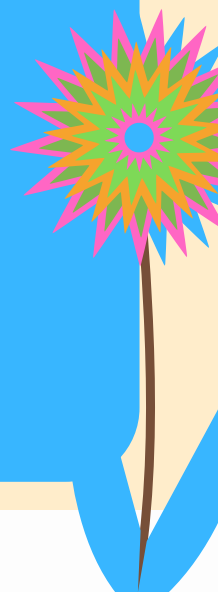
WB: 7th December
Christmas Week

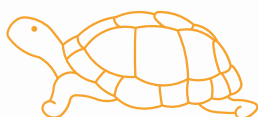
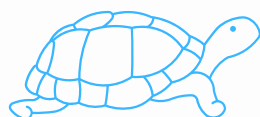
Wednesday 9th December
Polar Express & Father Christmas

Thursday 10th December
Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner

Saturday 12th December
Christmas Market @ Keene Hall

Friday 18th December
Term Time Only children leave for holidays





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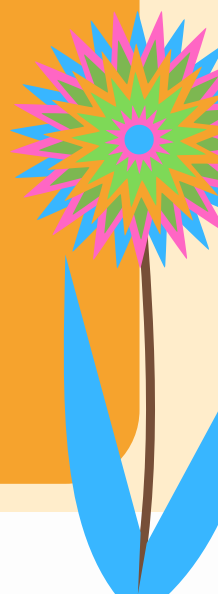
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Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd December
Holiday Club

Friday 25th & Monday 28th December
x2 Bank Holidays **(Closed)**

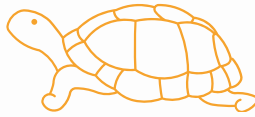
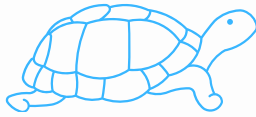
Friday 1st January 2027
Bank Holiday **(Closed)**

Monday 4th January
Term Time Only children return to Nursery



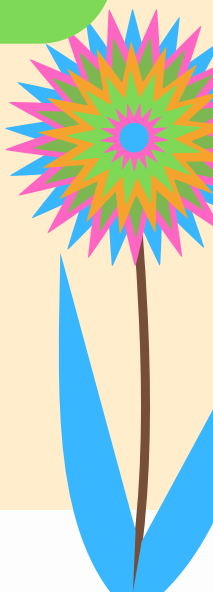


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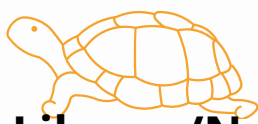
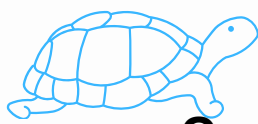
HOME IMPROVEMENT

- Installation of air conditioning units in breakfast and afterschool, library and Windsor's sleep room
- Our roof has been sealed due to a slight leak in the physical room
- Front garden in car park has been tidied up
- Our annual PAT testing has been completed





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Our Library/Nook

We are relaunching our library/Nook next week!

All rooms will have a library card to take and meet our librarian (Mel!) who will facilitate them taking books out of the library to share at home.

The library will be open on the following dates:

Monday 7th September

Tuesday 15th September

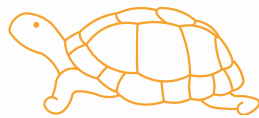
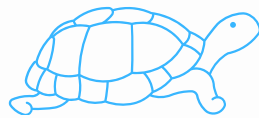
Wednesday 23rd September

Thursday 1st October

Friday 9th October

This will ensure all children have the opportunity and then we will start from the following Monday again!





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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!

