

Little Stars Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Welcome back - we hope you have all had a lovely break. We have been very busy enjoying lots of fun activities and getting to know some of our new friends.

Topics

Our first Topic over the Spring Term 'Nursery Rhymes' involved the children learning traditional nursey rhymes with actions. We have linked these nursery rhymes throughout our activities to help the children learn new skills and build on the skills they may already have, covering different areas of learning.

Incy Wincy Spider

The children have been using strands of spaghetti to count out the legs for their playdough spiders.



I'm A Little Teapot

The children have also been learning to take turns and share with their peers. Some of the children were asking their friends if they would like some tea and pretending to have a tea party. "Want milk?" one child says to her friend. Other children were taking turns using the big teapot. They have modelled great skills supporting their personal, social and emotional development.



Row, Row, Row Your Boat

The children have been singing 'Row, Row, Row your Boat' in the garden with friends, encouraging them to build on their communication and language skills.



New Topic - Understanding the World Around Us

During this half term we will be looking at understanding the world around us - this will include looking at people within our community who help us and talking about our families.

The children enjoy seeing pictures of themselves around the classroom and to extend this, we would like to create a family tree display in our room and would love for you to bring in pictures of mums, dads, carers or people who you consider to be close to your child.



We have started to introduce trikes to our outdoor area this week, and the children have been learning to use the pedals to make the trike move

Transitioning Information

As some of you are aware, some of children from Little Stars will be beginning to start the transition process into the 3-year-old nursery. Due to this, we have started to offer some of the children the opportunity to visit the nursery to become more comfortable and familiar with the setting and teachers. It is important that children who are still in nappies and beginning their transition are toilet training. Little Stars staff and Nursery Staff can support this but children must be toilet trained before they start 3-year-old Nursey.

Nursery staff also ask that children dress in jogging bottoms or leggings where possible to help them to move more freely when accessing climbing equipment.

As you know our focus in Little Stars is predominantly around the prime areas of learning. **Personal, Social and Emotional, (PSED)** **Physical Development (PD)** and **Communication and Language (CL)**. Therefore, our provision is centred around developing these skills with the children.