

Riverside Childcare Ltd

Newsletter - Poppies

Summer 23 Learning Experiences



Health & Wellbeing

We have been....

- Developing our awareness of how cleanliness, hygiene and safety can affect health and wellbeing by helping 'Bob' to brush his teeth and discussed the importance of good oral hygiene.
- Demonstrating how to keep ourselves and others safe while participating in a camping experience and roleplaying around the 'campfire and BBQ'. We developed our social skills and problem solving as we worked as a team to erect the tent and explored the camping resources including sleeping bags & torches.
- Developing our gross motor skills as we perfected our yoga poses and worked as a team to create some new poses. Yoga sessions provide opportunity to enhance concentration & memory, develop strength and flexibility and increases self-esteem, body awareness, mindfulness and improves emotional regulation.

Numeracy and Mathematics

We have been;

- Developing our awareness of time by creating our own clocks and watches. We also explored different ways we can tell the time e.g. digital, analogue and as a team we played 'What's The Time Mr Wolf?'
- Investigating how water can change from one form to another and used our problem solving skills to identify how to unfreeze the water and save the arctic animals.
- Participating in the walking water experiment and discussed the 3 primary colours and how they can mix together to make secondary colours. We took turns to pour in the water and food colouring then added a paper towel between to watch the colours mix together.
- Experimenting units of measure by using the test tubes and food colouring to measure full and half full quantities

Literacy & English

We have been;

- Using the magnetic letters to practice identifying and spelling the letters in our names.
- This season in Science we created an investigation station which included resources such as Velcro, magnets, acorns, jelly and gloop. We used the resources to investigate cause and effect and this encouraged the development of our senses, curiosity, enquiry, fine motor and social skills.
- Creating our own book marks, promoting positive reading. We learned what a hole punch and laminator was and how to use it safely "Reading is a passport to countless adventures" (Mary Pope Osborne)

Awesome Explorers

During Autumn, in the Science area we are exploring the world around us and beyond. We began talking about 'Earth', the world we live in following some Poppies showing an interest in 'Outer Space', planets & stars.

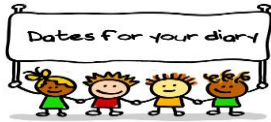
We will continue by exploring different climates and also experience the wonder of looking at the vastness of the sky, and recognise the sun, moon & stars and link them to daily patterns of life.

We would really appreciate your help by emailing the name of a country (and a photo, if you're happy to share) that your child has explored (any country including those in the UK). We would also appreciate an attached comment e.g. if the photo was taken participating in a favourite activity or at a famous landmark. Please send to

admin@riversidechildcare.org.uk

Thanks in advance, David 🤗🌍

Nursery Information



25/10/23- 31/10/23- Snowdrops, Buttercups & Bluebells Halloween dress up week
30/10/23- 3/11/23- Poppy Seeds & Poppies Halloween Dress up week.
7/11/23- Bluebells Autumn Treasure Bags to be returned deadline.
7/11/23 & 8/11/23- Poppies Parents Evening
22/11/23- Pre-School Nativity
28/11/23- 0-3 Parents evening
6/12/23- Poppies Christmas Outing
12/12/23- Buttercups Christmas Party
14/12/23- Bluebells Christmas Party
14/12/23- Poppies Christmas Party
18/12/23- Snowdrops Christmas Party
19/12/23- Poppy Seeds Christmas Party
22/12/23- Nursery closes 6pm for Christmas and reopens Monday 8th January

Monthly Awards for going over and above

June Awards

* Cheryl
* Jolly
* Ashleigh

August Awards

* Stacey * Leah
* David * Kirsty
* Carol
* Maureen



September Awards

* Stacey
* Noah
* Sarah



Committee Information

Charities & Events –

Fathers Day

The children from all rooms enhanced their creativity skills as they designed their own cards for the people they love and discussed why we were thankful to have them in our lives.

Pre- School Graduation

We would like to wish the Pre School children the best of luck in their new adventures of starting school. It has been a privilege to have been a part of each child's learning. Our staff team from Snowdrops through to the Poppies have wonderful memories of our graduates discovering, laughing, observing, playing, being nurtured, wondering, listening, investigating, having fun, showing resilience (..... We could go on) We wish them all Good Luck and we know they will thrive in their school environments. We can't wait for them to visit and share their stories about school 😊

Fairtrade

The Snowdrops participated in a 'Frozen Fairtrade Flower' experience which explores and expands children's creative choice and promotes an engagement with nature. The Snowdrops also created their own artwork using Fairtrade cotton buds and paint.

Eco/ Garden

The Snowdrops have been working on their fine motor development and hand eye co-ordination while learning how to reduce waste by re-using egg cartons and spice jars to create posting games.

As the weather is changing, the Bluebells have been learning how to care for the environment and wildlife by creating their own bird feeders, using recycled cardboard tubes to make these.

Poppies have been learning about the importance of recycling our waste properly into the correct bins and explored stories from Peppa Pig and Whales Tail to discover more.

Nursery Information

Some requests

Outdoor play

As the weather is becoming a lot colder, wet and windy can you please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear for garden play for all weather e.g. winter hat, wellies, warmer jacket, waterproofs, gloves etc. These should be in a named bag and remain in the nursery for all days within the week.

Spare Clothes

Please can you ensure that your child has a minimum of 2 full changes of clothes in their named bag, should you believe your child may need more than 2 changes please provide these. We no longer have any 'spare' clothes which children can borrow should this be required. **If your child does not have a change of clothing we will need to contact you in order to obtain clothing.**

Children's toys/comforters

To minimise risks and the chance of losing toys, children cannot bring toys from home, however we will still accept comforters. If a child has a blanket, then we ask that the parent provides a duplicate which remains in nursery or that a named plastic container/named plastic bag which can be fully sealed, is provided for this to be stored in when not in use. Please ensure that any personal comforters etc. are washed on a regular basis.

Drop off / collections

If there is someone at your child's room door already speaking to a staff member; please ensure you leave adequate space to allow for any private conversations. Should you wish to speak in private, please speak to the staff member and they can bring you into the reception area or alternatively contact the nursery to speak to a member of the team directly.

Family Photos

If your child attends a 0-3 year old room, please remember to bring in a family photo or alternatively email a family photo to admin@riversidechildcare.org.uk

Access via gates/ doors.

Can we please remind all families that under **NO** circumstances should the gates/ doors be held open for other parents/ carers, visitors etc as it is vital that they must know the code in order to gain access or be approved to enter the building by a staff member via the buzzer system. Please ensure the door is fully closed behind you when entering/ exiting.

Should you have to carry your child and their belongings when exiting, a staff member will assist you with the gate if required.

