

Riverside Childcare Ltd

Newsletter - Snowdrops

Summer 23 Learning Experiences



Health & Wellbeing

We have been...

- Participating in daily garden time and developed our mark making skills with water, sponges and brushes on the bricks. We also created our own sandcastles, practiced our walking with push along resources and continued to develop our confidence walking on various surfaces and stepping up and down levels. As the summer was also rainy; we even managed to splash in puddles.
- Tasting the various foods with our summer menu. "By providing opportunities to eat together the children develop good eating habits and good communication skills" (Care Inspectorate, Growing My Potential).
- Visiting the sensory room to investigate the calming resources including bubble tube, fibre optic spray, silver blankets, torches and light up batons.
- Exploring the indoor soft play where we developed balance skills while climbing and crawling through various pieces.

Numeracy and Literacy

We have been;

- Learning about the summer season through our focus book 'Spot Goes on Holiday'.
- Participating in various experiences with Spot the dog including posting 'dog biscuits' into Spot the dogs posting box and created a problem solving basket using various items from the book including buckets, spade, sun hat and shells. The children then problem solved how to manipulate the objects out through the string of the basket to explore.
- Participating in daily song time using our images that relate to each song and continuing with our nursery rhymes. "Rhythms and songs are often repetitive which supports the development of memory and kickstarts the practice of listening and speaking but most of all they are fun"(Care Inspectorate, Growing My Potential).
- Enhancing our early numeracy skills while exploring various shapes and sizes of shells in sand play and posting boxes.

Creativity, Enquiry and Curiosity

We have been;

- Participating in various experiences linking to the season which included; making art work with sand, shells, ice cream cones and frozen paint. We developed our mark making skills with shells in crazy soap, butterflies in cereal play, gloop with shells and cones and coloured rice with fish.
- Developing our fine motor skills with experiences including 'Pull the Post it', Pom-Pom Drop using various sized tubes, jelly sensory play, scented water play with different fruits to catch and investigate.
- Participating in water play with objects from 'Spot Goes on Holiday'. We used boats, fish and a little net to enhance our curiosity and enquiry skills... just like the story.

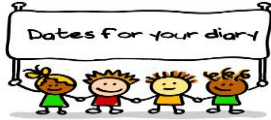
Care Inspectorate: Keeping Children Safe: Supporting Transitions in Early Learning and Childcare (ELC)

In early learning and childcare, transition is understood to mean a time of change for children. From the earliest years, children experience daily and major transitions as their environments, routines, expectations and relationships change.

For most children, transitions are a source of excitement and opportunity. However for some transitions can be a time of anxiety.

It is our role at Riverside to provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive care environment which ensures that the we respond to children's individual needs and reflect on our practice.

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.

