



An Awe & Wonderful Term

Nursery Rhymes & Jabberwocky Club.

Welcome to 'An Awe and Wonderful Term' newsletter, a glimpse into the enriching learning journey the children have experienced at the setting. This newsletter, aligned with our medium-term planning, serves as a comprehensive overview of the learning and development highlights across the nursery. Inside, you'll find engaging insights, achievements, and activities that showcase the incredible growth and exploration the children have undergone throughout the term. We are excited to share these moments of wonder with you, celebrating the unique and awe-inspiring experiences that shape your child's early years.

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🌱 Embracing the Great Outdoors! 🌱



Despite the winter chill, our nursery rooms have continued to venture outside, exploring the wonders of nature. Outdoor play is not just fun; it is vital for your little ones' development. Through these adventures, children reap the rewards of exercise, strengthening their muscles and building endurance. Moreover, the practitioner's aim is to create a positive relationship with physical activity, laying the groundwork for a healthy lifestyle into adulthood.

But it is not just about physical health; outdoor play also hones fine and gross motor skills. From delving into the earth to discover minibeasts to navigating obstacle courses and engaging in daring, risk-based play.

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🧑‍🍳🍰 Baking Adventures in Early Years! 🍰👧

Did you know that baking isn't just about delicious treats? It's a fantastic way to nurture all seven areas of learning from the Early Years Foundation Stage! At our nursery, we integrate baking into our curriculum to help our little ones develop essential skills. ✨ While open-ended play is crucial (and we love it!), baking provides a structured opportunity for adults to observe and assess children's targets and goals. 🗣️ Baking sessions are perfect for honing listening and attention skills. Children engage in step-by-step activities, enhancing their understanding of instructions and fostering language-rich environments. From exploring textures to describing motions, baking introduces new vocabulary. 👫 Beyond the kitchen, baking creates social opportunity where teamwork flourishes. It's a chance to celebrate community and events, with special occasions like Pancake Day becoming memorable learning experiences.



🍰 Child-Friendly Baking Resources: Looking for inspiration? Check out this fantastic child-friendly website full of ideas and recipes! <https://mykidslickthebowl.com/kid-friendly-recipes/>



🧰 Building Blocks of Early Literacy! 🧰

In our recent staff training, we looked at early literacy development. Mark-making initiates in the Humpty Dumpty room and continues nursery-wide. Before writing, children explore diverse activities, developing fine motor skills through art, playdough, and more. Drawing from the EYFS framework, we recognise the importance of finger strength and core development in laying the groundwork for confident writers. Through activities like shaping dough and painting, we empower the children to embrace literacy with strength and confidence.



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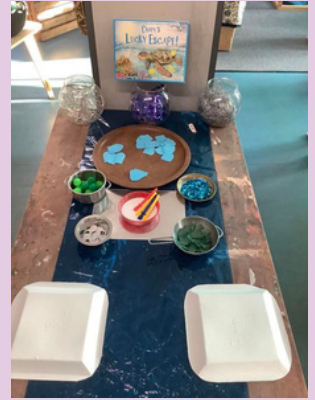


Out and exploring in the local community



We made our own duck food to take out with us!

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📅 Learning Through the Calendar of Events! 📅

In early education, events on the calendar becomes a doorway to understanding values, beliefs, traditions, Great British Values and culture. Throughout the year, we've celebrated a diverse array of occasions, from St. Patrick's Day to Valentine's Day, Easter, Chinese New Year, Mother's Day, and National Recycling Awareness Day. These celebrations offer children rich and meaningful experiences, fostering purposeful learning. Through each event, children explore human culture, discovering similarities and differences between communities around the world. We will continue embracing the calendar as a tool for exploration and understanding, guiding our little ones on a journey of discovery and appreciation for the world around them! 🌍🌟



Keep your eyes peeled for our next "Awe and Wonderful Term newsletter which will be emailed in August! Thank you