

November 2020



Dear parents and carers,
We hope you are all keeping well during this difficult time. We would like to thank everyone for your continued cooperation with the Covid procedures at nursery. This coming month should bring some much needed Christmas cheer for us all! We have lots of exciting wintery activities planned across the nursery, including Christmas sing along sessions, Christmas lunch and a visit from Santa! (Otherwise known as Tom from Toddler room!)

As many of you are aware, due to Covid restrictions, we are unable to host our annual Christmas fair this year. However, we are still keen to raise some money for charity and all the staff have been discussing ways in which we can do this. This year we are raising money for Leeds Cares to support one of our Toddler room children Max, who is currently receiving treatment for Hepatoblastoma-liver cancer. We hope you will join us in supporting this cause to raise as much as we can to help our friend.

Our fundraising events before Christmas will include **Christmas Jumper day-10th & 11th December**, where we will be asking for a donation of 1 pound per child to come to nursery in a Christmas jumper, we will also be selling our nursery cookbooks again for any parents that are interested in recreating some of our favourite nursery meals at home! If anyone would like to order a nursery cookbook, please let us know either by email or via your child's room. There will be an email sent out detailing this further for you.



We will continue to fundraise with further events in the new year including a 'Superhero for SuperMax' day where children will be invited to come to nursery dressed as their favourite superhero. We will give further details of this after Christmas.

We are unfortunately unable to invite parents and carers in to join us for our Christmas performances this year. We will however be holding singalongs with the children on Christmas jumper day-11th December, which will be shared on tapestry.

We would like to welcome 3 new members of staff to our team who have started with us in the past couple of months.

Eden has joined us to work in the baby room, Eden has a degree in Early years and Psychology. Her working days are Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri.

Katelynn has joined us to work on Mondays and Fridays while she is at University. She is based in Toddler room and has Childcare level 3 and a degree in Psychology.

We have also welcomed Jon to the Toddler room this month. Jon is a qualified teacher and has lots of experience working with children in the early years both in schools and nurseries. Jon's working days are Tues-Fri.

We would also like to give a warm welcome back to Emma, our deputy manager who has returned to work after a year's maternity leave. Emma is now working Mon-Wed. Ashleigh will now be taking on the new role of 'Development team manager' as part of the senior team and will be involved in staff and room development and training across the nursery, as well as covering management of the nursery on Fridays.

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Tapestry Challenge!

While we are all living in these restricted times, its more important to keep active for our mental health than ever before. We'd like you to show us how you're keeping active at home. Please join in the Tapestry challenge and upload a photo or video of how your child likes to keep active at home. We want as many parents as possible to get involved! If you need any help with uploading to Tapestry, please get in touch with Ashleigh via email or calling to the office.

Events to come this month

Christmas jumper day-10th & 11th

December-Come to nursery wearing a Christmas jumper and bring £1 for charity.

Santa visit and Christmas party-16th December.

Annual Christmas lunch-17th December

Baby room

This month the Babies have enjoyed making bonfire and firework pictures using textured paint, this has helped us develop our hand eye-coordination. We have also enjoyed the firework sensory tray, exploring lots of different colours and textures. We have been busy celebrating Diwali with dancing and exploring our sensory lights. The Babies enjoyed celebrating nursery rhyme week this month, with lots of singing and stories!

Over the next month, we are excited to start getting more involved with some Christmas activities along with incorporating our love of all things sensory!

We are looking forward to joining in with some sensory food play, using our hands, mouths, and noses to explore how things feel and taste! Some of the older babies will be taking part in some turn taking games such as passing a ball between our friends.



Babies shared learning ideas for home

Encourage your baby to become involved in different sensory experiences at home. This might include home made sensory bottles- plastic bottles filled with rice, water, pom poms ect, anything that makes a nice noise or is interesting to look at. Other sensory activities might include letting your child explore mirrors or different textures such as tinfoil.

Toddler room

This month the Toddler room have enjoyed talking about facial expressions, emotions and understanding if they are feeling happy or sad. We have been very creative and have loved celebrating nursery rhyme week using the craft materials making shiny stars. The children have been busy singing lots of nursery rhymes and particularly enjoyed 'Old McDonald' alongside playing with the farm. The children in the Toddler room have been practising our skills in caring for living things, using our kind hands to water and clean our plants. This has helped us to refine our motor skills as part of our routine.

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We have also enjoyed celebrating 'road safety week', learning about traffic lights and what each colour means!



Throughout the next month we are excited to start celebrating Christmas. We will be learning about Christmas around the world, looking at different countries and how Christmas is celebrated differently in different countries. We are also creating a winter display board, we are making lots of different winter crafts to display on this! The Toddlers, are also looking forward to engaging in activities with technology including lights, torches and the computer. We will be practising operating ICT equipment.

Toddlers shared learning ideas for home

We are going to be focusing lots on technology with the Toddlers. Why not have a look at home and see what different types of technology you can find at home! Encourage your child to take some photographs around the house or out and about and upload onto tapestry for us to see at nursery!

Preschool

This month Pre-school have enjoyed taking part in lots of exciting activities. We learnt all about Bonfire night! We used paints and scrubbing brushes to create the effect of a firework and made rockets using toilet roll and tissue paper. We have also been celebrating Diwali-The festival of light. The children helped to make samosas by having a go at cutting their own vegetables. We also made Diva lamps using clay and read the story of Rama and Sita.



The children enjoyed learning about road safety week, we built a road and cars from cardboard boxes and practised taking turns and stopping at the traffic lights. We have also been learning about anti-bullying week, we have had lots of discussions about our emotions and how we are feeling, and talked about how we might use kind words to make our friends and ourselves feel happy. Over the next month we will be starting to think more about winter and beginning to discuss changes in the seasons and thinking about animals that hibernate. With winter in mind, we will be focussing on a new habitat 'The Arctic' and thinking about what kind of animals and plants might live and grow there. We will also be celebrating Christmas this month, with lots of lovely craft activities and Christmas singing!

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Preschool shared learning ideas for home

Thinking about our new focus habitat 'The Arctic' Why not do some home research with your child. Try and find The Arctic on a map or look at a globe. Use the internet to have a look at pictures of The Arctic and think about what the weather might be like there. Can you find out who might live there and come and tell us at nursery what you have found?

Illness

We ask that you please respect our policy to reduce illness spreading and keep children out of nursery for 48 hrs after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to help prevent everyone else catching it, including staff who offer the continual care valued by your child. If antibiotics are being used, we kindly ask that you keep your child away from nursery for the first 48 hrs following initial medication.

Facebook

If you'd like to follow us on Facebook, we'll keep you up to date with lots of activities here and other related interests too. Search for Yorkshire Montessori Nursery. Photos follow our strict guidelines and we never identify a child by name or photo.

Invoices and payments

Could you please ensure that all new Government Tax Free Childcare, Tax Free Childcare Payments, Vouchers and Bank Payments are made by the 1st of the month, in line with our terms and conditions. Thank you.

If you are changing the way you pay, e.g. with the Tax-Free Childcare payments, please let our accounts team know as soon as possible, or by 15th of the month on headoffice@yorkshiremontessorinursery.co.uk so we can locate your new payments quickly and easily. Thank you for your help. Notice re payments after the 1st: Some

payments have been increasingly irregular, such as Tax-Free Childcare, bank payments and voucher payments. Please check your account and payments, as you may need to specify the payment date for the 1st of a month. A 'late payment charge' of £75.00 will be made where fees continue to be late.

Extra Sessions

Please can we ask that if you require any extra sessions for your child or need to make a change to your permanent sessions, these must be confirmed by someone in the office. We ask for 1 months' notice to any change in permanent sessions to allow for payments to be amended.

Nursery Holidays for 2020

Christmas Eve- Thursday 24th Nursery closes at 1pm

Christmas Day- Friday 25th December
Boxing day bank holiday- Monday 28th December.

We're open on Monday 4th January 2021.

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