

Never help a
child with a task at
which he feels he
can succeed.

-Maria Montessori

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are finally back to bright morning and even brighter evenings, and we are making the most of it here at nursery! We had a fun filled March with lots of Easter celebrations and we had a fantastic World Book Day celebration and loved the mix of character outfits and pyjamas for the day! We had some wonderful stay and play sessions in all rooms and love having you in the nursery to see what your children get up to.

Sadly, next month we will be saying Goodbye to Abbie H in Toddler room, she is leaving to pursue her teaching degree with working in a school. She has been a fantastic member of staff in Toddlers, and we wish her all the best!

Events to come:

- 9th -10th April - Eid al-Fitr
- 11th April - National Pet Day
- 18th April - World Heritage Day
- 23rd April - St Georges Day.
- 25th April - Penguin Day

Baby room

We had a fabulous March in the Baby Room. As the weather has started to improve the babies have spent a lot more time exploring in the garden and going on outings! The children have been on a few trips to the park and a trip to Tropical World to look at new and exciting animals, they had lots of fun and loved seeing the outside world!



Back at nursery we had lots of exciting activities with lots of great learning opportunities. The children have been fascinated with the Spring flowers and have been smelling them, using them to make marks with paint and exploring them in sensory trays. The children loved doing all things Easter - crafts, stories, baking and going on an egg hunt!

Home Learning

We have seen a real interest in the maths areas recently, with the children exploring number play and stories and shapes. The children are loving puzzles and jigsaws so please carry on this interest at home and

introduce numbers and shapes into activities. Do you have any favourite number stories or songs? Please let us know so we can reflect these at nursery.

Toddler room

The Toddlers were busy bees throughout March with lots of lovely things to share. The children have been spending lots of time outdoors, in the garden and across at forest school. They have been planting seeds, growing herbs and starting the process to grow some veg for the kitchen.

We also had a fantastic time celebrating Easter in the toddler room with lots of egg crafts, food tasting and learning about eggs through stories.



The Toddlers have been very busy caring for animals. Arlo the hamster has settled in well and the children are loving having a pet in the room.

We have learnt a lot about hamsters and their environment, and the children have cared for him cleaning his cage, feeding him and making sure he has fresh water. We have also been very interested in preparing our own food and have enjoyed lots of baking and cooking, following recipes and preparing our own snacks. The toddlers have been helping Jane in the kitchen wash veg ready to cook for lunch on a morning and talking about food in role play in the home corner.

Home Learning

We are focusing on the outside world in Toddlers and with the weather changing we are exploring outside as much as possible in a variety of ways and encouraging children to talk about the things they notice. Please keep us updated with your outdoor adventures and any activities you all enjoy! Remember to upload your photos to Tapestry so the children can talk about what they have been doing.

Preschool

Preschool have been busy exploring letters. Using our Large Moveable Alphabet, they matched the letters in their names and initial sounds of objects and favourite items. They have been spending a lot of time working on their fine motor skills for pencil grip and control as lots of children have wanted to name their work.

They have also been very proactive in caring for themselves and being very independent with dressing themselves. We have introduced new Practical Life activities to support this spark, including, shoe laces and tying a bow on a dressing frame to encourage more complex fastenings and prepare them for new shoes or clothing.



Preschool have enjoyed being outside in the sunshine and talking about the animals they find outside. They found a newt outdoors and brought it in to look at and learn about. They talked about its home and how we can care for the environment and animals.

Home Learning

If you have any pictures of your children planting at home, or just spending time outdoors in nature, then please share these with us on Tapestry. This is something we will continue with over the coming weeks, and we would love to see what your

favourite outdoor activities are as a family.

There are so many benefits to gardening with children, from wellbeing to developing gross and fine motor skills, physical activity and of course knowledge of where their food comes from. This website gives you lots of ideas and top tips, let us know if you plant any flowers and vegetables at home.

[The Importance and Benefits of Teaching Gardening to Children Toddlers to Preschoolers - Montessori Nature Printables](#)

Here is recipe for you to try too, it is one of the children's favourites at nursery, the children love to help prepare their own pizza!

Vegetable pitta bread pizza



Ingredients

Pitta breads (1 pitta per child)
Grated cheese Yellow peppers
Courgette Passata
Garden peas Mixed herbs

Method

Roast the veg until cooked through and set aside to cool. When cooled, chop the veg into small chunks and

mix together with the grated cheese and herbs.

Spread a spoonful of passata on each pitta bread and finish by adding the vegetable mixture on top.

Cook in the oven for 10 mins or until cheese is completely melted.

Safeguarding

We have recently had one or two people be let into nursery by parents either leaving or arriving. These were visitors to the setting who we did not know. Please ensure you know the person before you let them in through the gate or front door. Thank you for helping to keep everyone safe.

The Designated Safeguarding Leads are **Christine Coates and Emma Greenwood**. Please come and talk to us if you or someone you know needs any help, we are here.

Nursery Holidays/Closures

06.05.2024 – May Day Bank Holiday

27.05.2024 – Spring Bank Holiday

26.08.2024 – Late Summer Bank Holiday

27.08.2024 – Staff Training Day

23.12.24 – Nursery Closes for the

Christmas Break Reopen – 2nd January

2025

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are Yorkshire Montessori Nursery on Instagram, @yorksmontessori on Twitter and on facebook at @yorksmontessori

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.

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

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