



Verwood Day Nursery

February 2018

Newsletter



A month where the weather surprised us every day!

News from the Nest

This month I'd like to welcome Laila, Emily, Mason and Gruffydd to The Nest. All the children have settled in so well already and thoroughly enjoying their time with us.

Exploring the signs of spring



The staff and children have been exploring the garden looking for the first signs of spring and helping Ben to pull up the last of our parsnips from the vegetable garden.



Back inside the nursery the children have helped to create a lovely spring display for the room and they used bottles to create blossom for their trees.



Bubbles

All the children love bubbles so we have explored painting with bubbles this month! The staff have taught the children how to blow down a straw (sorry) to create lots of bubbles to then take a print on paper. A very exciting activity.



Chinese New Year



The children enjoyed celebrating the Chinese new year of the dog during February. Staff focused on the colours usually associated with the celebration – red and gold and helped the children to make their own Chinese lanterns.



Valentine's Day

Those children with us on Valentine's Day got to make some delicious jam tarts. The children were involved in the weighing, mixing and rolling of the pastry before filling the tarts with jam.



During March staff will continue to explore a variety of ways to make marks with materials and get creative for Mother's Day and Easter celebrations, as well as continuing to support and develop children's individual next steps.



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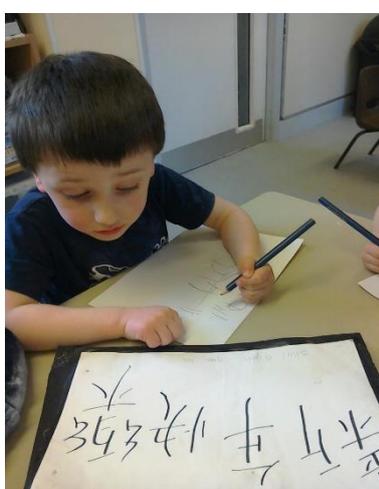
News from Apple and Plum rooms

Chinese New Year celebrations

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum encourages us to make children aware of other cultures and introduce children to celebrations that happen in other cultures and countries. Chinese New Year is a great way to do this and enables lots of discussion and sharing of artefacts and the introduction of materials and resources that the children may not otherwise see.



The children played with noodles, painted and made marks with chopsticks, looked at and tried some Chinese writing and made lucky money pockets and lanterns.



Valentine's Day

We had lots and lots of discussion about who we love and used hearts and the colour red as the focus of our day.



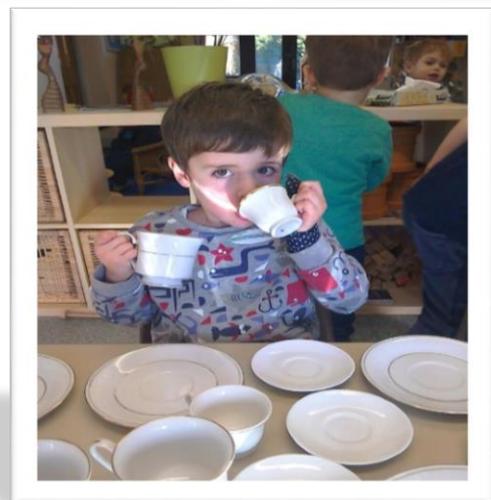
The children also enjoyed making some yummy hearts shaped treats, helping to weigh, measure and mix the ingredients.



Using real life resources

Across the setting we are slowly introducing more real life, realistic resources and trying to thin out all our plastic resources. The latest addition to our home corner in Apple room is a china tea set. The children have been amazing at looking after the delicate china and ensuring their friends are being careful too!

Do you have any unwanted things we could use?



A journey into outer space

An interest in Apple room was sparked by a friend this month. An interest that the staff embraced and took the children on a journey, discovering and learning all about space, astronauts and the planets.



The home corner units became the control panels to the space ship and we've had some amazing rocket pictures which have become part of an amazing display.



A reminder ...

Please label your child's clothes.

It is getting very difficult for staff to reunite children with jumpers and coats when they aren't clearly named. Many of you shop in the same shops and so we have many duplicate items of clothing, but in varying sizes! To help us out and to avoid any lost items, can I please ask that all clothing is clearly named.

We cannot be held responsible for anything that goes missing that doesn't have a name on it. Thank you.

Coming up in March...

Annual Easter egg hunt

You should have had your personal invite to our egg hunt taking place on Saturday the 24th March. Please don't forget to let us know if you are coming.



Future events for 2018

Dates for your diaries

Annual Easter egg Hunt – Saturday 24th March

This fantastic event will be taking place once again for all of the children and families.

Parents evenings – May (dates to be confirmed)

We will be offering 10 minute appointments with your Childs key person to chat about their progress and next steps.

Sports Day – Friday 20th July

The nursery will host its 5th sports day for all our 3 and 4 year olds on Friday 20th July.

Leavers party – Saturday 11th August

Our annual farewell party for all our 'big school' boys and girls

Photographer – September (date to be confirmed)

Our annual visit from Concept photography

Parents evenings – October (dates to be confirmed)

We will be offering 10 minute appointments with your child's key person to chat about their progress and next steps

Pumpkin competition – Wednesday 31st October

We will once again be hosting a pumpkin week with a pumpkin carving competition for children, parents and staff.

Children in Need – Friday 16th November

We will once again be showing our support for this charity by having a themed day

Christmas Fair – Saturday 8th December

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families

From Rachel and all the team at Verwood Day Nursery