



Verwood Day Nursery

Spring Newsletter



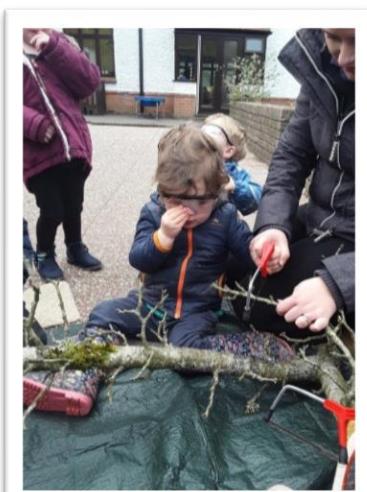
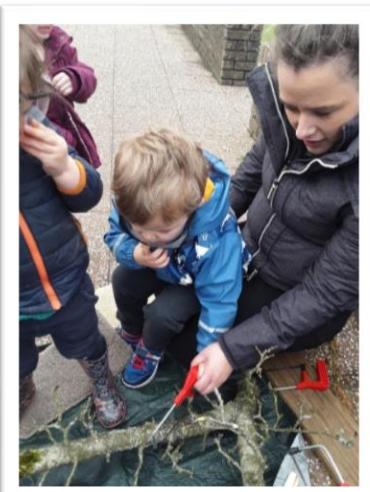
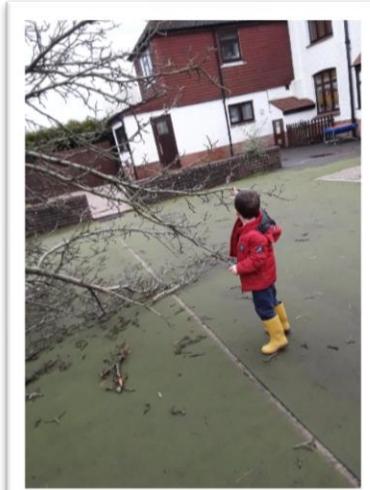
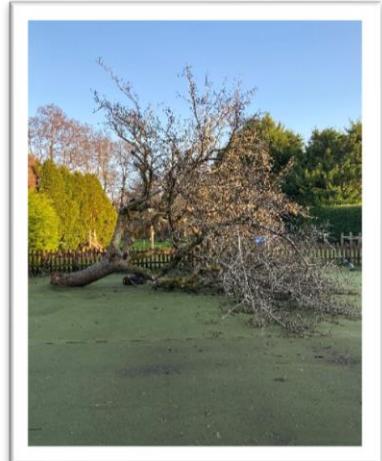
Welcome to our Spring newsletter, a roundup of just some of the exciting things that have been happening.

Apple and Plum room news

The windy weather has certainly given us lots of new learning opportunities! Fallen trees and a flooded garden have sparked activities and discussions.

We sadly lost our wonderful apple tree and the staff used this to talk to the children about what happened and why and for them to talk about what they could possibly do to fix the tree.

There were opportunities for wood working using the saws and hammers and indoors the children used wood blocks to rebuild the broken tree.



And
then
there's
the
mud!



Dinosaurs have also been a big hit recently with lots of our children showing a strong interest in them.

Staff have provided opportunities to explore them in many ways such as creating dinosaur landscapes with ice and plants, using them to paint with, playing in a dinosaur swamp or even making their own dinosaur fossils.



Staff are working with some of the children to become more confident with attempting to write the letters of their names. We have been tracing our names, using our fingers in paint to create letters and using brushes to make marks with the paint.



Our new home learning bags

We have two collections of home learning 'Busy bags' available for parents to borrow and use at home with their children.

The first set are a collection of 'Rhyme time' bags. Rhymes are a wonderful way of enriching children's growing language skills and in each little rucksack are a collection of resources and notes on how to use the resources and suggested activities too.



The second set is a collection of 'Getting ready to write' bags. These rucksacks are full of practical activities to focus on the development of the fine motor skills needed to write. The idea of these is to develop pre-writing skills through activities such as threading, pressing, squeezing etc.



Both sets of resources will be kept in the office. If you would like to borrow a bag, please just come and see Rachel or Craig who will arrange to 'sign it out' for you!

Experience bags

We will also be introducing a set of experience bags for parents to borrow. These will focus on subjects such as: new baby, potty training, moving to a new house, bereavement and loss, starting school, going to the dentist, going to the hospital and my emotions.

More details to follow

In The Nest ...



Our youngest children thoroughly enjoyed all the different activities provided during Chinese New Year, they had the opportunity to explore noodles and paint their own Chinese drums as well as enjoying tasty Chinese food for lunch.



The children have also enjoyed stacking and balancing while they build with a variety of resources. The best bit of course is being able to knock it over!



Staff even covered some of the blocks in paint to add another sensory experience while balancing and building!



Milk feed training

The baby room staff have recently received training about bottle feeds and milk formulas. The information shared with the staff was very informative, looking at the different feeds and what makes them follow on milks or hungry baby formulas for example.



If anyone would like to know more, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the team. They will be happy to share with you what they have been taught, or signpost you to the relevant information.

Autumn term summaries

The autumn term summaries have now been uploaded to Tapestry. These are a summary of each child's learning and development up to the end of last term (31st December 2019).

Please take the time to read your child's summary and if you have any queries and would like to speak to their key person please just let us know and we can arrange a convenient time for you.



Toys from home

Can we please ensure that children are not bringing in their own toys from home.

We are of course happy for children to bring in a comforter to help them settle or sleep but we cannot be held responsible for anything that gets damaged or lost and it's very hard to explain to the other children that they can't play with something that's at nursery.

Thank you

Current availability

Across the nursery, we now have places available on all days throughout the week, however these are limited on some.

Don't forget our £100 referral reward. Just ask the other person making the enquiry or booking to mention your name





Instagram

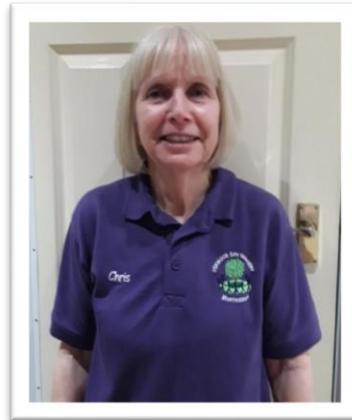
Instagram and Facebook

Alongside our current Facebook account, the nursery is also launching a new Instagram account. Make sure you follow us – [verwooddaynursery](#)

Welcome

I'd like to officially welcome Christine to the team. Chris joined us in the New Year and brings an absolute wealth of early years' experience with her. Chris is known in Verwood by her previous role of play leader at Verwood 1st pre-school where she worked for several years.

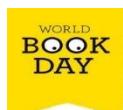
Chris has joined Kaitie, Paige, Nicola, Karen and Carole in our Plum room team and I'm sure you will all make her feel welcome.



Good luck



Jade will be starting her maternity leave in March and we wish her and her husband Andy all the best with their impending new arrival. We can't wait to meet the new baby soon.



This year we will once again be taking part in world book day. World book day was first created in 1995 by UNESCO – and was aimed at promoting reading and a love of books.

This year we would like to remove the focus on dressing up costumes and instead focus on how we can bring books and stories into children's lives.

Children are always welcome to come dressed up, so if on world book day they want to dress up – of course they can! As a nursery we will be refocusing our attention on fostering a love of books, rhymes and stories.

Please don't feel that you need to spend money on dressing up costumes just for one day, instead your child could bring their favourite book to nursery to share with their friends or any brave parent or grandparent who wants to come and read a story, is more than welcome!

Coming up ...

- **School readiness evening – Tuesday 17th March 6.30pm to 7.30pm**

An opportunity to come and hear all about the expectations of schools and ideas of how we can support this year's school leavers for the next stage in their learning journey's.

Future events 2020

Annual Easter egg Hunt – Saturday 4th April

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

Parents evenings – May (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.

Sports Day – to be confirmed

The nursery will host its 6th sports day for all our 3- and 4-year olds on Friday 20th July (weather permitting).

Leavers party – Saturday 8th August

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

Photographer – Tuesday 25th August

Our annual visit from Concept photography

Parents evenings – October (dates to be confirmed)

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Pumpkin competition – Friday 30th October

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

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

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

Christmas Fair – Saturday 5th December

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families