

Verwood Day Nursery News

Spring 2022

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year!

Spring is in the air; the days are getting longer and lighter and we are already enjoying spending most of our days outside in the garden.

Here is a snapshot of all the wonderful things that have been happening

News from the Nest

Our youngest children are developing so many new skills, sitting upright, cruising round furniture, walking independently, taking off their own shoes and socks and washing their hands. Their personalities are changing too, and we have had so much delight in watching them grow in confidence and sharing in their smiles and laughter each day.



We continue to love books and rhymes and the children independently choose their favourite puppet from the basket, indicating which rhyme they'd like to sing. They sit beautifully for stories and join in with the ones they know well.

We have explored Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day, and World Book Day so far this year, providing opportunities to explore different resources and experiences.

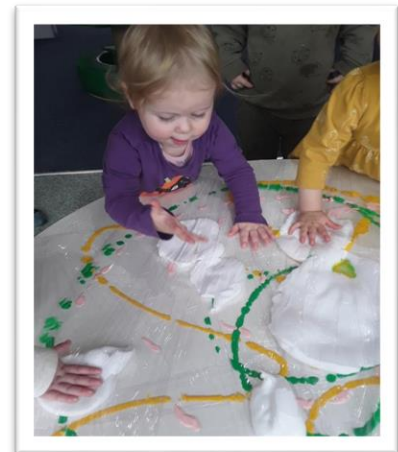
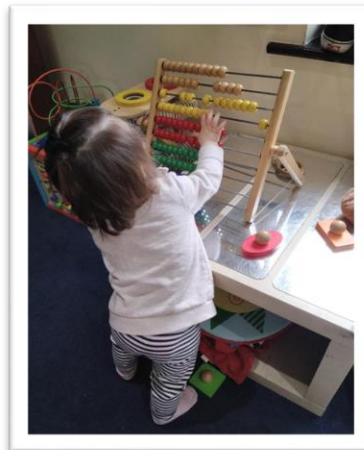
As we take the babies interests into account, through their play, we see how affectionate they are towards each other. Some have been giving younger ones their comforters if they see they are upset and offering cuddles too.

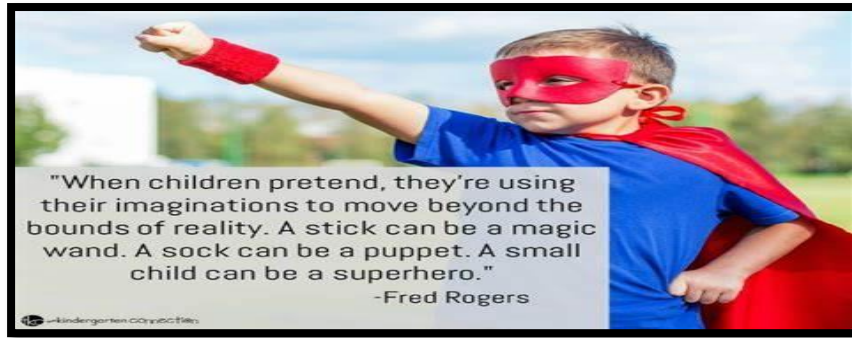
We have also been working on boundaries at nursery and reminding the children to be kind to their friends, using kind hands and kind feet.

The children have enjoyed lots of sensory play, exploring using their whole bodies or safely under cover so they don't get messy.



Outside in the garden, they have explored the Orchard and playground, using chalks to make marks, and enjoying the mud kitchen too. We can't wait for sunnier days to be able to spend lots more time outside, where we can enjoy our meals and sleeps in the garden.

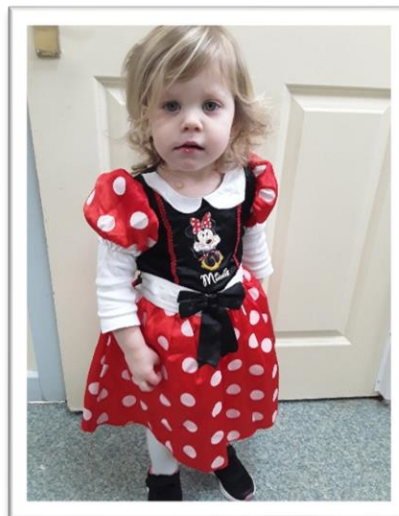
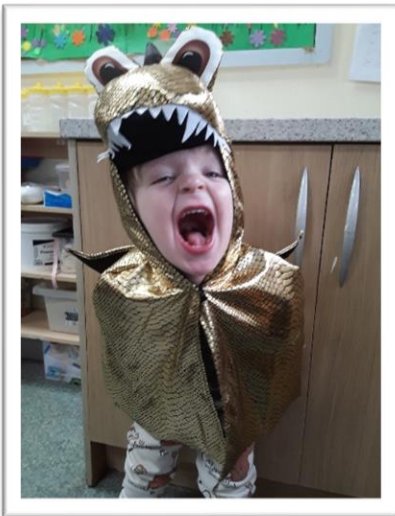




News from Plum room

The children have been exploring the changing seasons, outside splashing in puddles, noticing the daffodils and crocuses flowering in the garden and exploring Spring through stories and books.

The children have enjoyed using their fine motor skills in a variety of ways, learning how to use tweezers to pick up bugs hidden in the sand or using different tools to make marks in paint.

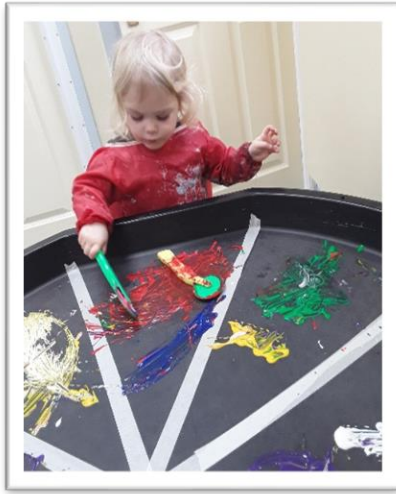
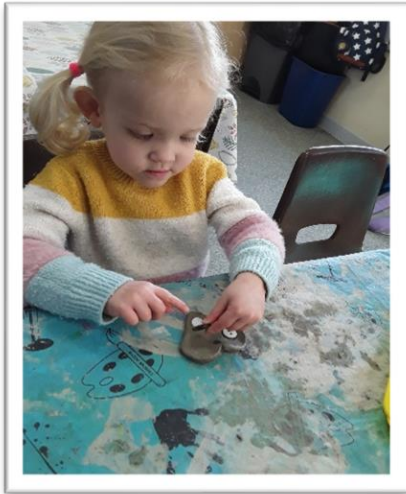


We have explored the colours red and gold for Chinese New Year and even got to see and taste fortune cookies. We absolutely loved World Book Day and some of our friends looked amazing in their costumes. We spent the week sharing stories and rhymes all about colours and some we know so well, the children can predict that words come next.

The children are now making gifts for Mothers Day and staff are planning for Easter.

The staff have followed the childrens interests both inside and outside. Some children have been wanting to use the balls in the garden in a variety of ways, such as playing throwing and catching games or even trying to hit them with a racket.

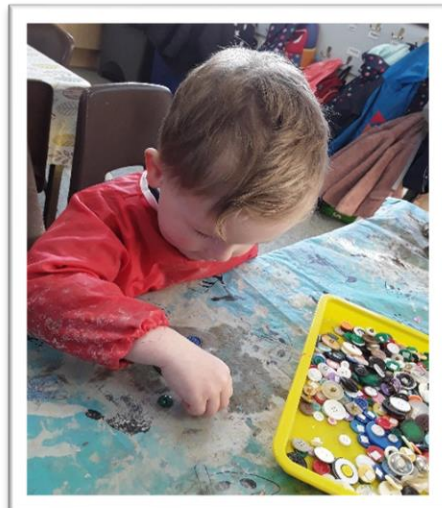
Inside the home corner has been a hive of activity and staff made it into a Chinese restaurant for Chinese New Year! Their favourite thing to do is retell the story of 'The Tiger that came to tea', making cups of tea for the toy Tiger and his friends.



Staff have been helping children with their independence skills, have you seen their clever coat flip trick? Each child is able to put their own coat on, which of course they are very proud of.



Some of the children have also had the important task of being a 'saftey spy' helping staff complete the morning risk assessment and safety check of the garden. Using their magnifying glasess the carefully look for any hazards and help complete the chart before allowing their friends to go outside to play.





"The best classroom and
the richest cupboard is
roofed only by the sky"

Margaret McMillan

News from Apple room

What a busy start to the year! We have been doing so many different activities, mostly inspired by the children and their interests. We have had lots of time in the Orchard to look at the changing seasons, and the small world area and construction areas have been very popular.

The staff and children celebrated Chinese New Year, the children watched a small clip of a family celebrating the festival in their own country. This inspired some of the children to attempt Chinese writing and make their own Tiger masks and pictures.

The children's favourite books at the moment are Winnie the Witch and the children have been enjoying exploring the books and the stories through a variety of activities. One book is all about going into space, so the children enjoyed making a rocket for Winnie.

We have been working on letter formation and shapes, practising fine motor activities to help us with our letter formation. These activities help to build up the muscles in their hands and help them hold and control a pencil.

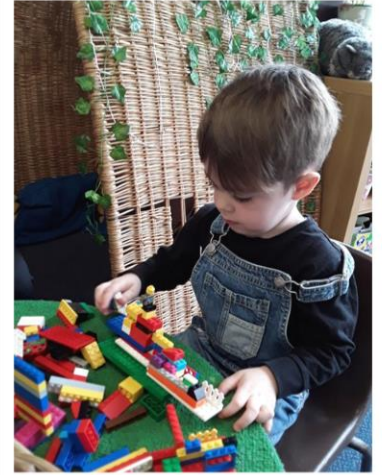
Out in the Orchard, every opportunity is taken to have a bug hunt and excitement roars across the garden when a 'creature' is found!

We are using the Willow house every day throughout the week and the children have all enjoyed having the opportunity to be out there. The light table has been used daily, mixing colours and talking about light and shadow.

School leavers 2022

Don't forget to let us know in April, which school your child will be moving onto in September. We can then put you in touch with other families going to the same school.

We will be working on all the school readiness skills and sharing these with you over the coming weeks.



Bug hunts in the garden and exploring the light table in the Willow House



Exploring shapes and letters



Making biscuits for the Tiger to have for tea and a rocket ship for Winnie the Witch.



Staffing update

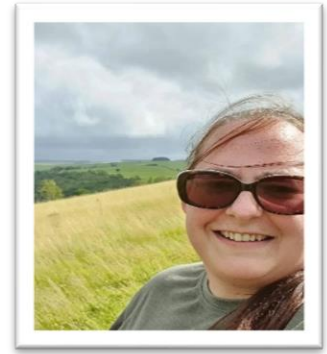
Introducing some new members of our team:

I would like to welcome Bridie to the Nest team. Bridie joined the nursery at the end of January and is loving working with Amy and the team.

Bridie is an Early Years teacher and previously worked at a setting in Wimborne.

Bridie is working alongside Rachel to take on the role of Special Educational Needs co-ordinator for the setting.

We are hoping that she will also use her Degree in Physics to host a science club for our pre-schoolers – watch this space!



I would like to welcome Vicki back to the team too. Vicki left the setting at the start of the pandemic to take up a role at another setting, however she returned to us in January, and we are so pleased to have her back.

Vicki is a very experienced practitioner, and she is also working in the Nest team with our youngest children.

Events for 2022

We are so looking forward to hosting some wonderful nursery events this year. Here are some key dates for your diaries –



- The setting will be celebrating the **Queens Platinum Jubilee** throughout the week of the **23rd of May**. We will be hosting garden party teas and planting trees in the Orchard. Invitations to specific activities will be sent out nearer the time.
- Our **School leavers party** for those children moving onto school this year will be held on **Saturday the 13th of August**
- Our **Pumpkin Carving competition** will take place on **Monday the 31st of October**
- **Children in Need** – Pyjama Day – will be **Friday the 11th of November**
- Our **Annual Christmas Fair** will be held on **Saturday the 3rd of December**

Referral reward

Do not forget our referral reward, it is our way of saying thank you to those parents who recommend family, friends, and colleagues to Verwood Day Nursery. The reward will be £100 if the following criteria is met –

- Your name is mentioned at the time of enquiry or booking
- The new child's booking is a minimum of two sessions per week on a full time (51 weeks a year) contract
- The registration form is completed with your name on it as the referrer.

Once the new child has attended Verwood Day Nursery for 3 full months the £100 reward will be credited to your account in the 4th month.

Thank you!

Thank you from all of us for your continued support during these times.

From Rachel, Craig, and the Verwood Day Nursery Team



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