

Cheeky Monkeys Day Nursery Newsletter

Spring term Part 2

Welcome back after what seemed a like a speedy half term! We would like to welcome our new families who have recently joined us! We would like to also welcome Lucy to our team! Lucy is level three qualified and is very much looking forward to getting to know you all and will be spending a bit of time in each room whilst she settles in! Don't forget to say hello!

Busy, busy, busy!

Throughout nursery, this half term we have continued on our curiosity approach accreditation, adapting our environments, practice and our knowledge. Here is a little round up of all the things we have been up to over the last few weeks:

In our baby room, we have added a new black and white area for our new younger babies and have been exploring lots of new sensory activities including a beach themed tuff tray! For our new babies we would love to add your family photos to our family books, please email them or send in copies of your favourite photos!

Two to threes have made improvements to their role play area with a new kitchen and it is really starting to feel like a homely environment, book area and small world area including a digging and sand area.

Preschool have been creating some amazing structures by balancing with

our loose parts! You may have seen them as you walk into the room, often ceiling high and then the loud bang as they come crashing down (the bit they love the most). When building these structures, they are developing lots of skill they will later need when they start school for example hand-eye co-ordination, gross motor skills when using the step ladder, working cooperatively with their peers, developing their problem solving skills and working on their perseverance and self-esteem!

Over the next term and a half they will start to build on getting the children ready for school; including continuing to promote their independence, PE lessons, exploring phonics and numbers and building links with the local schools. Don't forget we have our 'I'm going to big school' resource bags you can borrow, just ask a member of staff!

We have also started our spring cleans on the garden ready for the nicer weather! New additions to the gardens including our own growing troughs, measuring scales, and a revamped mud kitchen! Our future plans include adding more large scale loose parts such as tree stumps and crates, a music wall and a stage! For our babies we would love to create a sensory garden too with hideout! Watch this space!

We as always would love to hear your views on the changes we have made and if you feel you could help in any way,

then please do let us know! You will shortly be receiving parent questionnaire, these are ideal for helping us to shape Cheeky Monkeys! Thank you in advance!

E-safety

Following on from the



recent news articles of children being targeted whilst watching videos on you tube etc, we have updated our policies and will be working with our staff and children to explore how to stay safe online. In our ever changing and fast paced world, using technology is essential; at Cheeky Monkeys we believe that we can use technology to boost our children's learning for example during their investigations to support their learning or to explore answers, however, this needs to be done in a safe manner.

Below are a few websites that we have sourced that are useful for you to view to ensure you are doing all you can to keep them safe and also some you can view that can be used with children:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics/keeping-young-children-safe-online

If you have any concerns or would like support in this area then please talk to

me and I will happy to discuss how we can help further.

Winter hunt

Wow! What can we say, thank you so much for all of you who have brought in your bags of goodies, they have loved showing them off and they have all had such good use already! For example, the tea pots and cake stand have already been part of many a afternoon teas and the curtain rings have been perfect for developing our babies hand-eye co-ordinating by hanging them off a mug tree, and all the wonderful feathers, leaves and sticks have created some great art, conversation starters and textures to explore! We will also be using these further as we start to introduce more transient art, in order to develop this further we would love any old photo frames they could use to frame their pictures! Thank you.

Mothers Day

Mothers day is fast approaching and we will be holding our annual mothers day tea party on 1st April between 1.30-3pm, it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible, look out for invitations due out shortly.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th March: World book day

Wednesday 3rd April: A special trip to see the fire engine and planes at the Essex airfield for preschool