



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our newsletter for the month of October. It's incredible how the end of the month has been fast approaching.

We would like to welcome and thank parents for continuing to read and respond to any updates in our monthly newsletter.

During the seasonal changes, we would like to request for parents to dress their precious little ones appropriately for the daily weather changes.

Due to the current Coronavirus pandemic, we would like to remind the parents that we are endeavouring not to provide our nursery spare clothes for children. We urge all parents to kindly provide additional clothing in their children's bags, and label them. We would like to kindly remind our parents to drop children off in time for breakfast, our breakfast time ends at 08:45.

Covid-19 Guidelines update (Especially for new parents)

Our aim is to continue to provide a safe environment for the children and adults who attend our nursery.

We will continue to practice regular hand washing techniques to maintain hygiene in the nursery as per normal.

Our policy remains the same, children with a high temperature or a new, continuous

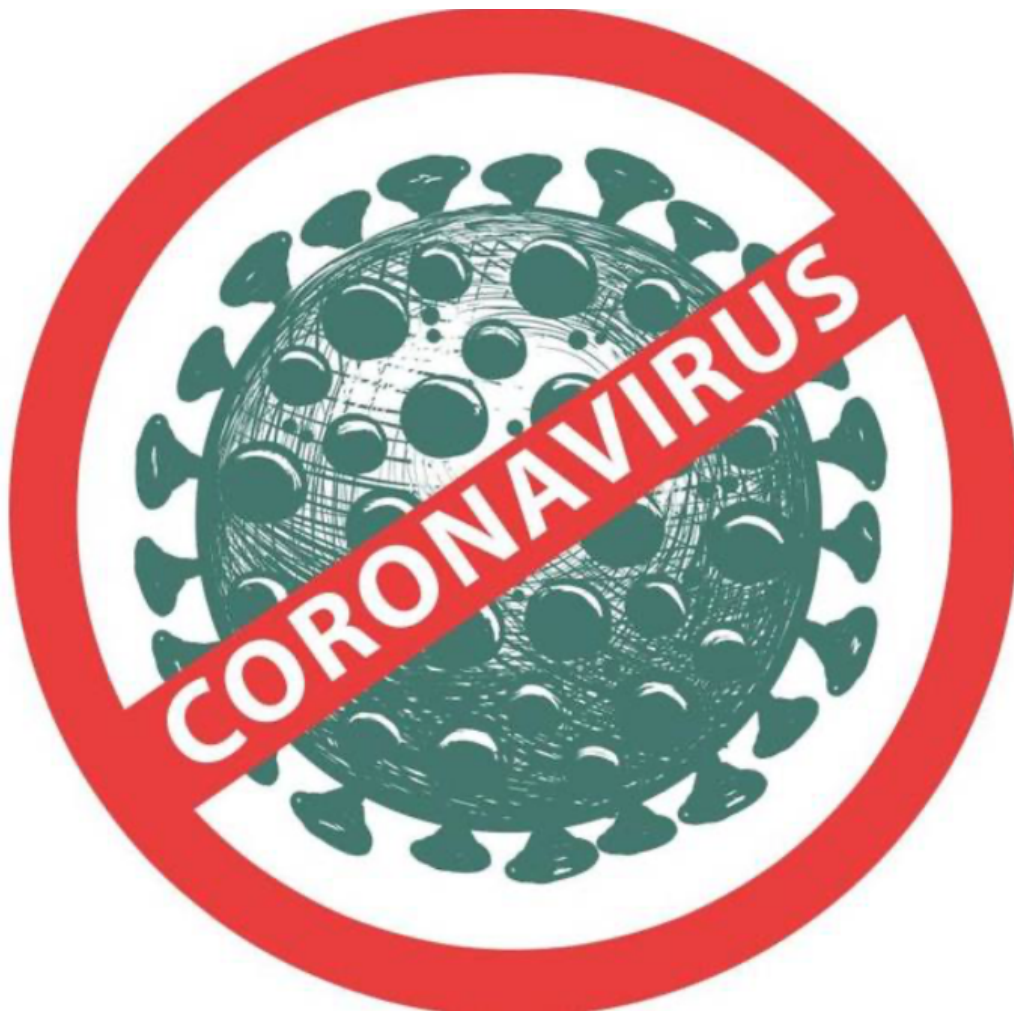
cough - this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours, cannot attend the nursery until they have completed the required isolation period of 14 days for coronavirus or have a confirmed negative test before returning to the nursery.

We are currently continuing not to administer any medication at the nursery until further notice.

Just a kind reminder to prompt parents that if you are living with someone who has been tested and has contracted Coronavirus, then please be aware that you are required to keep your child home for 14 days of isolation.

We kindly advise parents to use the link below should there be any enquires regarding the current Coronavirus pandemic.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>.





The topic of the month

Our topic of the month is Food. This topic will encourage children to eat a variety of foods and try new foods from different countries.

Our aim is to make food look fun and appetising to encourage children to try out new foods and to learn where food comes from. Children will also be made aware of what makes them grow big and strong.

We will also emphasise on the importance of drinking water during the course of the day and talk about what happens to your body when you do not drink water.

Our staff will concentrate on creating food activities and will encourage children to take part in food preparation. Our chef will assist with cooking the food. We hope that our children will taste their creations and hopefully enjoy the end product.

The topic of information and communication technology will be achieved by encouraging our children to make food look fun by creating funny faces then using an iPad to take photos independently.



Parents contribution

Our baby room team are kindly requesting for our parents to email or bring in photos of their children eating any type of food at home with their friends or family members.

Our Tweenies and Preschool team would humbly request for parents to bring in food magazines, leaflets or newspapers with different images of food. Staff will encourage children to learn how to use scissors and cut out pictures for a collage.

As per normal, we will use the children's interests and next steps in relation to seven areas of learning to recreate meaningful experiences that will promote understanding of the world and fun learning.

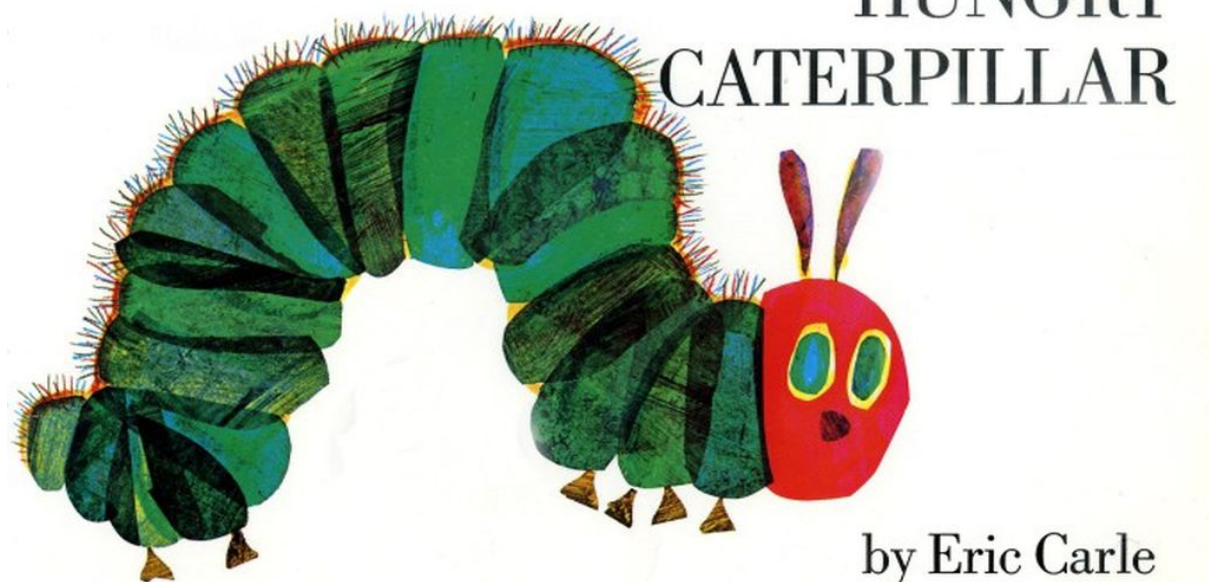
Book of the month

Our nursery book for the month of October is The Hungry Caterpillar.

For our baby room flashcards will be introduced to help children learn the name of the different foods that the caterpillar eating. The baby room will design a Halloween house to aid children to explore freely and independently.

For our Preschool and Tweenies, this book names different foods and highlights the fact that food helps you grow. Children will be encouraged to talk about and list the foods that the caterpillar is eating.

In all our room children will be encouraged to create their version of the hungry the caterpillar for their storyboard.



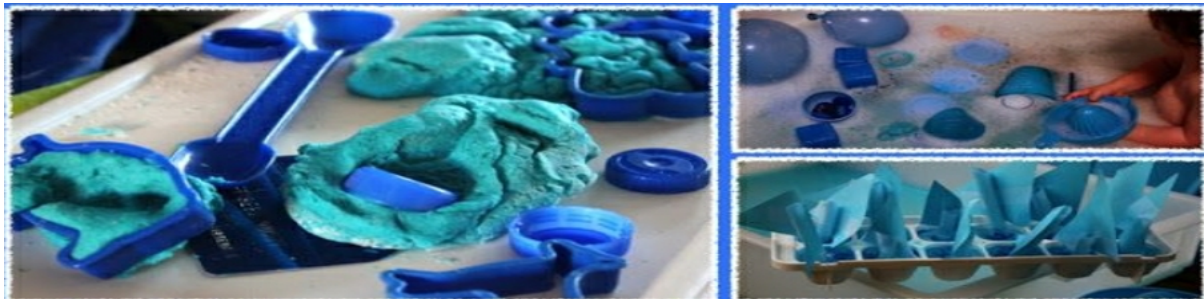
Baby room colour of the month

The baby room colour of the month is blue, staff will encourage the use of the colour blue using various materials. During circle time the children will be encouraged to learn how to pronounce the word blue.

Our aim is to teach children new words that will broaden their communication skills. Staff will emphasise on movement and the use of blue material to create a range of art and crafts.

Children will be encouraged to taste different kinds of food during mealtimes.

Children will also be engaged in blue water and play dough fun. Children will be encouraged to explore texture and colour through messy play consisting of glue, blue paint, glitter and fruit stamping.



Tweenies and Preschool team activities

Our team will focus on sticking empty packets of food on the board, to cover the topic of literacy some children will attempt to write words such as cereal, porridge, bread, milk and many more. Our Preschool children will attempt to write and spell names of foods from all over the world.

As part of the expressive arts and design topic mark-making skills, children will use paint, crayons and other available resources to create artistic drawings for their Halloween board. Children will help to cut a pumpkin and make ghosts out of lollipops.

For the understanding of the world topic children will be encouraged to create a shop for role-playing giving children the opportunity to learn about a variety of foods.

To cover our maths development children will learn about the cost of food and take part in particular activities that will show their understanding. Children will write numbers and attempt to write the pound currency sign.



Halloween Fun: Tweenies and Preschool Team

It's that time of the year again and such a shame that our Halloween celebration will be a small affair this year (children only). Parents please kindly dress your little ones in fantastic Halloween costumes to mark this fun accusation. Our Halloween celebration will take place on the 29th October 2020 at 15:00.

To extend the understanding of the world topic we hope to have fun by taking part in Halloween activities such as making a Halloween soup out of pumpkin and food colouring.

Children will improve their gross motor skills by using utensils such as large spoons to help stir the pumpkin soup. Children will also be encouraged to use bowls to transfer the soup as a part of physical activity.

Children will take part in rein acting the Room on the Broom story as an extended Halloween activity.

Accident and Incident online forms

We would like to thank all parents who receive accidents and incidents for acknowledging their recipe of the form.

Sports4Kids for Preschool children only (particularly for parents of new Pre-schoolers)

This fun activity takes place every Wednesday morning, a young coach attends the nursery garden to lead the activities.

Cast your minds way back to when you were at school for a moment, taking part in a PE (physical education) lesson. That is exactly what sports for kids is about with the addition of more fun of course.

This activity is not run by Monkey Puzzle nor is it free, it is run independently and any payment is made to the Sports4kids team directly.

We understand that some parents have not been able to get through to the sport for Kids website. Please feel free to contact Joe on 07785771575 should you have any questions.

Staff News

It is with mixed emotions that we inform you that Anna is heading off on maternity leave from 12th October. Clearly, we are absolutely delighted that Anna is about to start an exciting new chapter in her life. In Anna's absence, we are pleased to announce that Micky Koo, former baby room leader, will be stepping into the void to be the acting manager. Lillian will be our deputy manager and your first point contact as well. Due to the change in family circumstances, Diluni will takeover the baby room and to continuously support the team. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Isabella at any point, but rest assured, the whole team will still fully dedicate ourselves to support our children and families going forwards.

Anna is a wonderful asset to the business and we would like to thank her for her continued dedication and commitment to Monkey Puzzle Twickenham. We very much look forward to welcoming her back in the new year and I have no doubt that Anna will be using her "keeping in touch days" during her maternity!

We know that you will all join us in wishing Anna the very best and will be equally keen to see her back, fit and well, in the New Year.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and, we hope that you enjoyed it. Stay safe!

From Monkey Puzzle Twickenham