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Dear Parents/Carers;

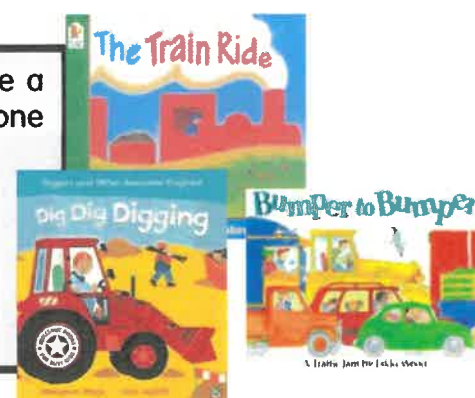
Nursery News!

Here is our weekly newsletter. There are lots of things happening so have a good read and see what we are up to.

These are the books we are reading this term. You might have a copy at home. You can borrow one from a library or even buy one if you wish.

- Dig Dig Digging by Margaret Mayo
- The Train Ride by June Crebbin
- Bumper to Bumper by Jakki Wood

World of Books is a great website for good quality used books.
<https://www.worldofbooks.com>



Our children have learnt so much, help them to keep going!

- They are getting better at doing things by themselves. Sometimes they will come out with their jumpers on backwards or inside out, they are trying their best to be independent – remember to tell them “well done for doing it yourself”.
- Come to Nursery every single day and be on time. Children have already had lots of time off because of the pandemic.
- Keep them cool. Children only need a school top and leggings/joggers with a coat or jumper unless it's raining. Nursery is very warm, we don't have many windows to open.
- They are using our voices to get the help they need. Remember, if they don't speak, you don't know what they want – help them to find the words.
- We are fewer grumpy faces when things don't go their way too. Having boundaries and understanding consequences and disappointment is all part of growing up. Help your child to understand how to try their best, be kind and understand that no means no.
- Children are also starting to use words to say “I'm sad”, “I'm cross”, “I don't like that”. Help them to do that at home too.

Remember communication is so important. If you're worried, unsure about anything or would just like to know how your child is learning, feel free to pop in and see us! It's good to talk.



We're a PAPERLESS School – so you must download & register your **ParentMail App** to receive e-newsletters, to book after-school clubs & Parents' meetings or to confirm consent for educational visits.

Please remember:

- ✓ Children shouldn't be wearing any sleeping suits/vests or pyjamas, leggings under their day clothes please.
- ✓ Have a regular bedtime, sleepy children who yawn all the time are not ready to learn, nor are hungry children.
- ✓ Any worries, please do let us know.
- ✓ Children will get muddy and dirty in school, we do our best to keep them clean, but we can't always.
- ✓ Claire Smith and Suzy Waters are teaching in the Nursery.
- ✓ We are playing with sand and water – please be aware children will get wet and sandy. We will change wet children but remember, being wet will not give them an infection or the cold/flu virus.

Please have a little look at the **blue box** below. I will be putting something new in it each week for you to do. Sometimes it will be about what parents can do, other times it will be for children to make something with you. Please read and enjoy the different activities and let me know how it goes. Remember to tweet pictures too!

Family Learning Together

We made pizza this week, we talked about celebrating Eid too. Have a go at the recipe I've included and talk about the things your family celebrate. Can your child roll and press firmly, can they sprinkle and spread? Do they feed themselves or do you have to feed them? Do they like to try new foods or are they a little fussy? Plan to let children help with simple cooking and food preparation when ever you can. Don't forget to tweet a picture and tag us too! 😊

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and hope that you'll find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Smith
Deputy Headteacher

Nursery Timetable WB: 3 rd May 2021	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM: 8:25 - 8:40 PM: 12:10-12:25	<i>I can ask for help when I need it, I can try to do things by myself. I can say how I am feeling. I can read and write my name correctly with a capital and lower-case letters. I can name lots of colours and I can count and say how many objects there are up to 10.</i>				
AM: 8:40 - 9:00 PM: 12:25-12:45	Reading familiar stories and exploring vehicles and how they move.				
	I can make an action to go along with the story "Dig Dig Digging".	I can use lots of different words to describe what I see (different vehicles)	I can talk about the properties of different materials like soil, sand, bricks.	I can talk about how I greet people and what makes a good friend.	I can count to find out how many objects there are.
AM: 9:00 – 10:55 PM: 12:45-2:40 including free flow	Free Flow Activities				
	We will be pretending to work in a café. We will be taking order in person and on the phone. Making and delivering food. If you have any items that you think can help us, please donate them. Menu's, boxes, old kitchen equipment, signs, aprons, old phones. Thank you.				
	We are digging in the garden, we are learning about looking after plants. What they need to grow and how they grow.				
	We are using sand and water to learn about more/less, full/empty, big/small, tall, short. We are learning to explain what we are doing and what we are going to do.				
	Directed Activities:				
	I can use shapes to make a vehicle. I can use a pencil to draw around a shape and scissors to cut it out.	I can explore different materials using all my senses. I can talk about what I see, hear, smell and taste.	I can complete a traffic survey, I can count how many different vehicles I see and describe them.	I can say what shapes I can see in the world around me. I can talk about colours and patterns.	I can dance and play a musical instrument with a steady beat.
AM: 10:55-11:25 PM: 2:40-3:10	Outside:				
	We have a range of activities outside that encourage children to explore and recreate the world around them. Train sets, blocks and building sets, farms, roads, aeroplanes and other equipment for them to explore. We are playing lots of active games with bean bags, hoops, balls. We are completing obstacle courses too and running, climbing and balancing.				
	Snack time:				
Home time AM: 11:25 PM: 3:10	During snack time children are encouraged to choose, eat, and drink their snack independently having asked for what they want.				
	We also use this time to introduce a new ICT game. This week we are revisiting the games from last week and learning new ones like 2simple city, CBeebies games such as Jo Jo and Gran Gran, Peter Rabbit, Bing and Postman Pat shape sorting game.				
	You can talk to your child about the activities and perhaps get them to show you. Read stories with your children and encourage them to talk about what they can see in the pictures.				

Simple no yeast Pizza: We made it on Friday with the children in Nursery.

Ingredients:

- 300g/10½oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 200ml water (you may need a little more or less depending on your dough)
- Some oil (for the baking trays)
- additional toppings of your choice, we are using:
 - passata, (you could also add some bbq sauce, harrisa, chipotle, piri piri, pesto or other favourite spice blend to the tomato base).
 - onions
 - mushrooms
 - sweetcorn
 - peppers
 - tuna
 - cheese



Method:

- Preheat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/Gas 7, put some oil on the baking sheets ready, we used two
- Chop and slice the vegetables, grate the cheese ready for assembling the pizza.
- To make the dough, combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a bowl and make a well in the middle. Pour in some of the water, mix with a fork to combine.
- When the mixture forms a rough dough, turn out onto a lightly floured work surface and knead to form a smooth ball. Divide the dough into 4 equal pieces (for individual pizzas) or 2 for larger ones and roll out nice and thin, thin = crispy.
- Place the circles onto an oiled baking sheet, you can stretch it out a little more if you want, and assemble your toppings.
- Start with the tomato sauce then scatter the cheese over the top.
- Add the other toppings you want and season with black pepper, herbs, chilli etc as you like.
- Put in the oven for about 10 mins but keep an eye on them. When they are nicely brown, crispy and the cheese is bubbling they are ready. Remove from the oven and allow to cook for a few minutes before eating.

If you find you have left overs you can make an easy sauce that you can freeze for later.

- In a pan/frying pan add a little oil and fry the left-over vegetables together until they are soft.
- You can add herbs, spice, salt and pepper to you own taste at this point too.
- Once they vegetables are soft, add the left-over tomato sauce until its starts to bubble, if it is a bit thick at this point it doesn't matter, you can add some water to the mix when you are ready to use it, before adding it to pasta or rice.
- Add the tuna and stir through.
- Let it cool and put in a freezer safe container until you need it. Remember:
 - It will last about 2-3 months in the freezer
 - Defrost it fully before heating and using
 - Once defrosted you should use it within the same/next day and only reheat it once.

You can use this sauce with pasta or rice or use it as a soup by adding a little water/vegetable stock as you heat it up.