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Please may we remind all families that we have a no nut policy in nursery. This includes bringing in snacks and items in a lunch box that may contain nuts. Thank you for your cooperation.



This month, we have been focusing on Light and dark. Making lanterns, junk models of lighthouses, using the lightbox, looking at the moon, reading stories about the dark and learning about nocturnal animals. We have embraced this season and all the festivities along the way... The changing of the clocks, the falling leaves, Diwali, Bonfire Night, the changing shape of the moon and making a hibernaculum for creatures looking to hibernate.

Thank you to everyone for attending and supporting our first ever Toy Swap on Friday 2nd December. It was a huge success and we were overwhelmed by the amount of toys brought in for other families to choose from. Many families found clothes, toys and games ready to be gifted for Christmas. Some families wished to come along and find goodies with a donation to 'Everything Ellie'.

<https://www.everythingellie.co.uk/> We thank you very much for your contributions.

All left over toys and clothing will be given to the Devon Antenatal Family Centre <https://devonantenatal.co.uk/>

We have had such a massive positive response, families are already asking when the next event is!



We had lots of fun for BBC 'Children in Need' on 18th November. It was great to see a sea of bright colours, spotty clothes and Pudsey Bear T-shirts!

Thank you all so much for donating. We really appreciate every penny. We raised over £30.00.

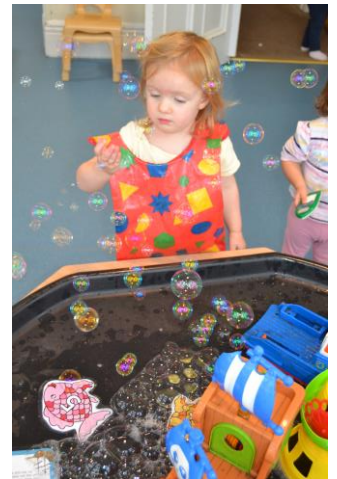


With these colder days, we still aim to get outside whenever we can. Please provide your child with lots of layers and spare clothes that are named. We are running really low on spare socks and trousers. Please can we ask for any nursery spares to be returned to nursery. Thank you.

LADYBIRDS & BUTTERFLIES



Our Ladybirds and Butterflies have been singing along to Incy Wincy Spider, Five Little Ducks, Five Little Speckled Frogs to name a few! Zoe has been busy creating the most wonderful resources and popular Tuff Tray activities. There have been bubbles, playdough, water play, paints and printing galore!



We just love the little wooden spoon frogs and the Ladybird's display in the playroom!

Nursery Rhymes are sang everyday in nursery throughout all age groups. We recognise that the rhythm and repetitive pattern of sounds helps and supports a child's language development. This in turn will help a child to

become accustomed to vocabulary, sounds and eventually support their learning to read. Children really enjoy the props and resources and how puppets can bring a story to life. It is a fun social session where the children can be heard from downstairs!



The evenings are getting dark early and the children are enjoying cosy evenings in the playrooms. Emma and Jemma switch off the light and introduce the little Ladybirds to our light box. They are mesmerised by the flashing, beautiful colours and they like to explore the different textures on top of the box.

We just love the beautiful Nursery Rhyme display in the playroom. Each rhyme was decorated with paint or collage materials.

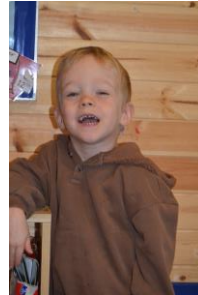


DRAGONFLIES



Some of our Dragonflies children have been learning about the emergency services and even met PCSO Karen. They sat in a police car and had great fun watching the flashing blue lights and loud sirens!

The children learnt all about what the police do to help us and why they wear such bright clothing. They asked questions and pointed at the buttons in the car. Thank you to the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary for visiting us and for the stickers and resources.



We've also been talking about fireworks and we have made the most wonderful bonfire collages. It was great fun using large brushes to make patterns on the wet ground with the powder paint.

Our favourite story at the moment has got to be 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have even learnt the Makaton and made gingerbread playdough.



KINDERGARTEN



In Kindergarten, we have been looking at a number of books recently that have captured the children's artistic and creative expression, critical thinking, physical development, hand-eye coordination, speech and language and ingenuity.

Runny paint, swirling fingers and then printed onto paper has captured the essence of Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. The children have described this style as "swirly" and "circles".

We adore the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' written by David Armitage and Rhonda Armitage. The children designed and made a huge lighthouse and even made the rope with the basket attached to deliver Mr. Grinling's lunch!



'How to Catch a Star' by Oliver Jeffers was a huge hit with the children. They enjoyed this story very much and made the most delicious shortbread cookies in the shape of a star. Each child took home their cookie wrapped in starry paper.



Kindergarten have learnt a new word - nocturnal. We had so much fun in outdoor learning building dens and caves for our nocturnal creatures to live in. The children worked together as a group to make a large den and then sorted through photographs of animals that are nocturnal. We enjoyed the story 'Owl Babies' and created some brilliant pictures of owls, bats, hedgehogs and other nocturnal animals. We even had stories in the tent and used torches to see in the dark.



Megan has developed a fun PE programme for our Kindergarten children and we do not mind mess at all!



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