

Nov 24th

What we have been doing

This week as part of Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme we looked at stars and darkness.

We have looked at the shape of a star and spoke with the children to find out what they knew about stars and darkness.

We have been adding Hygge into our week more this week by adding relaxing music into the setting. It was interesting to hear the children speak about what they could hear, one child said they could hear the sea and then the rain. This is not only good for helping the children relax it is also good for their listening skills. Relaxation is a lovely part of our week, the children choose a cushion, find a space to relax and listen to the relaxation cd. This is a chance for the children to practice their breathing, help control their emotions, take time to relax and regulate themselves.

Loose part play has been extended and once again the children have been involved in repeating play they have done before and using the curtain rings and cup holders to sort the rings into colours. The shells have been used to make some wonderful patterns. The children can be creative and free when using loose parts to create, play and investigate their world.

As part of our oral health training we watched Peppa Pig visits the dentist to then lead onto discussions with the children about their experiences at the dentist and what they know when it comes to looking after their teeth.

We have made clay models, using different loose parts to create different textures in the clay. The children discussed how the textures felt and how it made them feel as they were free to create whatever they wanted with the clay.

In the children's role play we have seen the children playing 'The big bad wolf' and making a car wash and washing their cars.

Next week as part of Wanderlust: A Nature Study Programme we will be looking at Hibernation.

Reminders

Just a few reminders for you this week. Can you please make sure your child's name is put on their water bottles, bags, lunch boxes, snack pots and all their clothing and shoes.

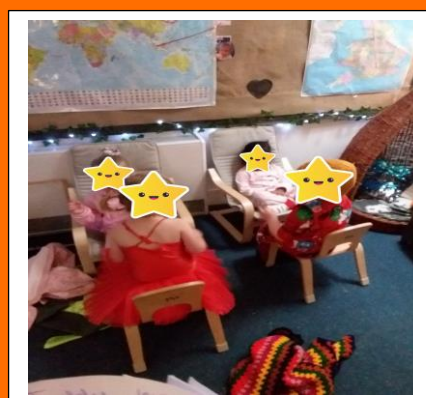
Can you also make sure there are no nut based products in your child's snack/lunch boxes. Some pesto and chocolate spread foods contain nuts. Can we also ask that grapes, cherry tomatoes and other fruits/vegetables are cut accordingly in order to reduce the risk of choking. This link will help you know what foods need to be cut and how.

[PowerPoint Presentation \(communitydentalservices.co.uk\)](http://communitydentalservices.co.uk)



To do at home:

Snuggle and have a read of your favourite book together.



Events:

On the 1st of December we will be joining in with the Primary Schools Christmas Fayre. We will be doing cookie decorating and a Teddy Tombola. If you have any teddys you would like to donate to the tombola, please do bring them in.

On the 14th of December the children will be putting on a little Christmas song concert at Pre-School at 9.15am. If you would like to come in to see the children sing their songs please do, it will last around 10 minutes.

On the 15th of December we will be having our Christmas Party, this will be from 12.30pm – 3.30pm. If your child is not in on a Friday afternoon and they would like to come to the party, please email to let us know. We ask that all children in on the 15th for the party come with a 'party tea'.

If you would like to donate any toys/books to our toy/book drive a box is outside Pre-School to drop them into.

Dates for your diary

1st December Cholsey Primary School Christmas Fayre
14th December Christmas Song concert 9.15am
Pre-School Christmas Party Friday 15^h December 12.30pm – 3.30pm
Pre-School Term 2 finishes Friday 15th December at 3.30pm
Pre-School Term 3 starts Tuesday 9th January

Pre-School Session Times

Morning 8.45am- 11.45am
Afternoon 12.30pm – 3.30pm (Gate will open at 3.15 for those picking siblings up from the Primary School)
All Day 8.45 – 3.30pm
Breakfast Club 8am – 8.45am (Booking required by 4pm the previous day)
After School Club 3.30pm – 5.30pm (Booking Required)