



## Newsletter Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in preschool, our learning has been focused on the exciting theme of travelling on holiday! Each day, we have explored a different mode of transport—boat, car, train, aeroplane and bus—bringing these journeys to life through lots of imaginative role play. The children have loved taking on the roles of ticket sellers and travellers at the ticket office, chatting about different destinations they might visit. They have also enjoyed practising their writing skills by creating tickets and making their very own passports, which helped spark their creativity and understanding of travel.

The weather has been extremely hot this week, so we made sure to include lots of water play to keep cool and refreshed while continuing our learning outdoors. The children had so much fun splashing and playing with water, which was a perfect way to beat the heat.

We also had our final Little All Sports session with Lisa this term. The children participated enthusiastically, developing their physical skills and enjoying the fun activities. It's been a fantastic end to the summer term's sports sessions. Lisa will be back again in September.

Next topic is 'Summer'



### End of Year Reports

Staff have been busy writing end-of-year reports for all the children, whether they are staying with us for another year or moving on to school. For our newer children who recently received a Summary or Two-Year Check, there won't be another report this term. Once all reports have been completed, you will receive a notification from Tapestry to let you know they're ready to view.

Next week, instead of detailed observations, you will receive photos capturing your child's adventures and experiences at preschool.

As always, staff are very visible at the front door in the morning and at the end of the day if you wish to discuss anything. If you would like a longer meeting, please email and we can book in a suitable date and time.

### Spare Clothes and Toys

Please can we ask you return any spare clothes and shoes your child may have borrowed. Our supply is disappearing, and we have no more T-Shirts left.

Can you also check you don't have any preschool toys at home, especially the magically disappearing cars!

Thank you.

### Getting ready.....through play!

Open-ended play is a powerful way for children to learn and grow. When children engage in pretend play, their vocabulary expands naturally as they use new words to describe their ideas and stories. Playing with open-ended materials like blocks, Magna-Tiles, Duplo, bricks, and Stickle Bricks helps develop their executive functioning skills—such as planning, problem-solving, and flexible thinking, because these resources don't have a single 'right' way to be used. Self-regulation skills, like taking turns, sharing and waiting patiently, are also learned during play with others. These social moments teach children how to manage their emotions and behaviour in a supportive environment.

It's important to remember that children don't need to be 'prepared' for the next stage of their education. Their brains and bodies develop naturally through play, at their own pace. So, if a child is four, let them enjoy being four, fully engaged in play and discovery, not simply as a child preparing for school. Play is their work and their way to learn about the world.

Our curriculum is inspired by Alistair Bryce Clegg MBE.

### Important Dates

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Party 9am – 12:15pm (extra day)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – LAST DAY!  
Blue grp 12pm finish.  
Graduation @ 12:15pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 9:30 – 11:00 Stay and Play for new children  
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