

Friday 28th January

This week's theme has been shops and the children have been busy at the supermarket, clothes shop and ice cream shop. Role play is a great way to develop children's social and language skills, using the relatable theme of shops can encourage their independence and confidence as they play as shop keepers, customers and enact real life scenarios. In our shops, we saw children taking on roles using counting skills, as they counted out money and initiating play with their peers using lovely friendly language, "want to play?".

Also this week, each child has taken part in an activity designed to develop fine motor skills. With their key person they have investigated transferring water using pipettes. Pipettes are fantastic for fine motor development as by their design they encourage children to squeeze them using a pincer grip, the same grip used to hold mark making tools such as pencils. The activity encourages children to control their movements and aim the utensils they are using, making it great for coordination. Lots of fun was had as we added in colour mixing and filling up the holes in the pop it toys!

Oral Hygiene

Promoting oral health is now part of the early years foundation stage (EYFS). This has been included because good oral health habits need to be formed from the earliest age. Tooth decay is largely preventable, but it's still a serious problem among young children.

Nearly a quarter of 5 year olds in England have tooth decay, with 3 or 4 teeth affected on average. Tooth extraction is one of the most common procedures for children under 6 in hospital. Extraction is also the most common reason for hospital admission for children aged 6 to 10.

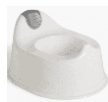
Take your child to the dentist when their first milk teeth appear. This is so they become familiar with the environment and get to know the dentist. As part of our curriculum, we cover the importance of brushing teeth regularly, as well as healthy eating and drinking.



Please see parent's guide attached.

Toilet Training

When your little ones are toilet training, please send them to preschool in clothes that are easy to remove e.g. elasticated trousers that are easy to pull up and down.



Song of the week:

5 Currant Buns



5 currant buns in a baker's shop,
Round and fat with a cherry on the top,
Along came (use child's name) with a penny one day,
Bought a currant bun and took it away.

(Repeat, counting down by one each time)

Term Dates

Spring Term 11 weeks

Start of term - Wed 5th Jan

Half Term - Monday 14th – Friday 18th Feb

End of term - Friday 1st April

Summer Term 13 weeks

Start of term - Tues 19th April –

Half term – Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

End of term - Thurs 21st July

<https://www.flyingstartmolesey.com/term->

Makaton this week is:

Outside

(Watch video [here](#))

Value of the Month

Independence

Please find attached a tick sheet called 'I am Independent' to help focus practising different skills.