



## Newsletter Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been learning lots about the children as part of our 'All About Me' theme. Our new children are settling in well to our routines. They are learning to listen and follow instructions; share with their friends; be kind and independent.

### Diddi Dance

This week we had a taster dance lesson from Angela at Diddi Dance. The children had a great time moving and shaking. The children (and staff) pulled off some super Bollywood dance moves! Not only did the children follow instructions and copy moves, they reinforced colours, counting and directions. It was a fun way to keep active, gain confidence and build strength. I am looking into the options to see whether Angela can visit on a regular basis.

All through the day and when we are planning the activities, we are always drawn back to our aims and drivers.

### Our Aim:

We aim to ignite the flames of your children's natural curiosity by providing high quality, varied learning opportunities to guide their development in a safe and nurturing environment.

### Our Drivers:

NURTURE - children will be happy and feel secure in a warm and caring environment

ENGAGE – children will be excited to play and explore

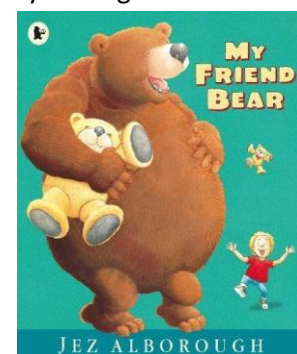
INSPIRE – children will be school ready - they will be confident, kind and resilient little people, with a love for life-long learning.

Our main focus the last two weeks has been NURTURE. All the staff have been ensuring children are happy and feel secure in our environment. A large part of children feeling happy and secure, is if they are ENGAGED in the activities. Therefore we work hard to change the activities each day, but still have available all the other toys so they can have free choice. If the children spend the day busy and exploring, they are keen to come back each day smiling.

### What have we been learning?

#### Theme: All About Me

Our learning has been linked to 'All About Me' this week. The children have been looking into the mirror when drawing and painting self-portraits. They have role played a hairdressers and played with our small world toys. During carpet time we talked about our Golden Rules, how we come to school, read stories and sung songs. Each day we are seeing improvements in children's concentration, listening and confidence.



This week we started our focus activities, where each Key Person spends time 1:1 or sometimes in small groups with their key children. These are being written up for you to see on Tapestry. The children were encouraged to talk about their feelings, family and routines at home and pre-school. Our practitioners shared a story and encouraged interaction and play with puppets. Looking in the mirror, the children described their face and features.

**Stories this week:** 'What Do I look Like?', 'Chicken Licken', 'Whose feet?' and 'My Friend Bear'.

**Next Week's Theme: 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt'**

**Tapestry** – We aim to have at least 2 observations on each child each week. This can vary depending on the number of days your child attends. Lots of photos and videos are being taken during the day and each key person will find time during the day or their evening to write up the observation with the corresponding early learning goals. Myself or Lizzie then check them before they are added for you to view.

### **Wild Learning**

I have attached our planning for 'Wild Learning' 1pm -2pm each day. All day every day we have outdoor learning, but we have decided to share with you some specific outdoor activities for the afternoon session. If you see an activity your child would enjoy and they don't usually stay, then you can book to stay either in advance or on the day.

### **Messages**

- We have our first Birthday soon and you are more than welcome to bring something into pre-school to celebrate. Please can I ask that you don't bring in any sweets.
- Thank you for being patient while I change over the childcare vouchers. The government scheme, Gateway, is taking a lot longer to change over.
- Scooter – there has been a blue micro scooter left in our cloakroom. Please let us know if it belongs to you.
- If you would like to order more uniform please add it to the sign-up sheet.

Polo shirts - £8.50

Jumpers - £11.00

### **Clothing**

Please bring suitable wear for outdoor play and a change of clothes and please name as much clothing as you can!

### **Class Representatives**

Thank you to Sadie's mum, Chloe and Tabitha's mum, Louise, for offering to be our class reps. They will be in touch shortly to set up a WhatsApp group and start planning some socials.

### **Dates for the diary**

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – 9am – 10:30am Parent's Tea Party
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November – HALF TERM
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 11:00 - 11:55am – Christmas Treat with ZooLab
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Individual Photos (Tempest)
- Week Beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Parent Meetings at drop off and pick up all week (sign-up sheet will go up the week before)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Concert at 11am
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party (normal session times – but with party food and games)

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and we look forward to seeing lots of you at our Tea Party on Wednesday.

Kind Regards,

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