



Dear Families,

And just like that, January has gone! The weather has certainly changed, but that doesn't stop us having fun indoors and outdoors.

Congratulations to Jess who is our new Deputy, but will continue as Toddler Room Manger and also Meggie who is now our third in charge as well as Babies Room Manager. We would like to welcome Claire as our new Nursery Assistant and have interviewed several more potential new team. Harriett has announced that she is expecting in May!! But has promised to return later this year.

March 21st is World Down Syndrome Day/"Lots of socks" Day and we would like to invite you to wear brightly coloured odd socks. Why "Lots of Socks"? Because chromosomes look like pairs of socks (under the microscope) and people with Down Syndrome have an extra chromosome. In fact, they have three copies of the 21st chromosome, (instead of the usual pair). We suggest that staff and children come to nursery on 21st March wearing odd socks, bright socks/tights and make a suggested donation of £1 to Andover Twenty1.

It is due to be cold for the next few months. Please make sure that your child has named, suitable clothing – coats, socks, gloves and hats.

Kind regards

Amanda Marsden

Nursery Manager



Fundraising

The Andover Food Bank sent a lovely letter thanking us for your kind donations.

We will be raising money in March for World Down Syndrome Day, more information to follow.

Diary Dates

5th February:
Chinese New Year

11th February:
Make a friend Day

14th February:
Valentine's Day

17th February:
Random acts of kindness Day

26th February:
Tell a fairytale Day

Babies and Toddler Blue

This month we have had lots of fun exploring our self-awareness and building our confidence. We have been looking at our reflections in mirrors and lots of other shiny objects and singing songs involving body parts so that we begin to understand our bodies! Next, we will be continuing our growing interest in looking at different body parts and using lots of messy play to help the older babies explore the different marks that they can make.

Toddler Blue: January saw us finish exploring the Winter Wonderland. In February we will be focusing on the children's interests including cars, animals and role-play. The children have expressed an interest in role-play so will be extending their learning through cooking activities. Then we will be starting to look at how things grow.



Toddlers

This month the toddlers have transitioned on to exploring lots of different animals. We have changed our storyboard into the 'Dear Zoo' book and the children help the adults tell the story by naming the animals and finishing sentences of the story. We have also been reading lots of books about animals outside and will be taking our magnifying glasses out into the garden to hunt for bugs and insects. The toddlers also love going on walks and are very excited about the Library opening back up in February so we can start up our weekly visits and new books again!



Transition

Transition have been exploring ways to keep warm in the cold weather. They practiced their fine motor skills using special knives to cut up vegetables to make soup and developed their independent dressing with hats, gloves and jumpers. In February we will continue to explore the cold weather and learn about how animals keep themselves warm. Learning about hibernation using junk modelling to build a bear cave and explore senses by recreating different animal hides – scales, fur, feathers etc.



Kindergarten

In January we talked about experiences from Christmas and New Year; discussed fireworks and looking at all different types of light. We have been investigating the change in weather and how the ice outdoors melts when the days warms up. We will continue to discuss the importance of keeping safe and warm by practicing self dressing for the garden. We have been looking at our new Chinese New Year provocation, talking about different, vibrant colours, patterns and Chinese food. This month, we will continue with Chinese arts and crafts plus food tasting.

