

Rainbow News

MARCH 2020



Messages from the office...

Chicken Pox

Please be aware that we have had a few cases of Chicken Pox within the nursery, should you suspect that your child has Chicken Pox, please keep them off of nursery. We follow Public Health England Guidelines with regards to exclusion periods which states children must be excluded for a minimum of 5 days from nursery, and all of the spots MUST be scabbed over prior to them returning.

Coronavirus


We are receiving regular updates and guidance from Public Health England and NYCC. If you are affected by the virus or have to go into isolation please inform the nursery so the appropriate measures can be put in place.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Funding for 3 and 4 year olds the emails are now on the way. NYCC confirmed on 26th Feb the details for the Summer Term so we now have the information required and are ready to go. If you haven't received a funding email and think you should, please contact Katie in the office.

If you think you might be eligible for 2 year funding please apply through the NYCC website <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/early-years-funding-two-year-olds> Any help or questions about 2 year funding please speak to Harriet .

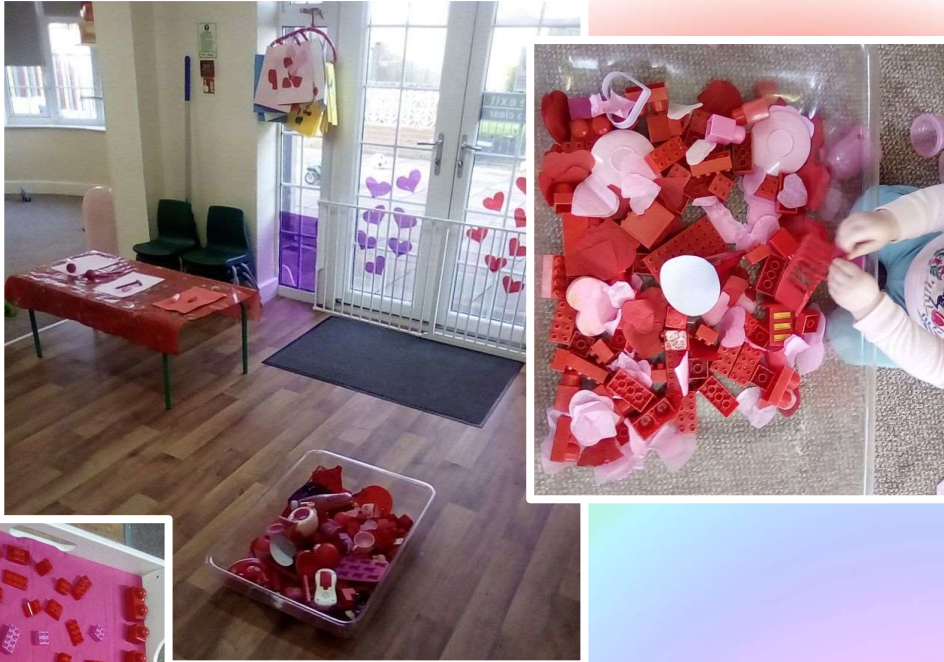
Remember the deadline for HMRC applications for extended funding for Summer Term is the 31st March 2020, as always please do not leave renewing your code or applying until the last minute. We can not process your funding without a valid code.

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- **Katie Gordon (Office Manager)** - Invoice Queries, Extras, Funding, New Starters etc - katie@rainbownursery.info
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Baby Nursery News...



We would like to say a big warm welcome to all of our new children that have joined us in Baby Nursery this month, we look forward to getting to know all of our new families!

Baby Nursery have enjoyed exploring lots of sensory activities themed around Valentines day and Pancake day this month!

Baby Nursery will be collecting lots of bits and bobs over the next couple of months - If you would like to donate any old items from baking trays to kitchen utensils (even the kitchen sink!) We are aiming to build up lots of resources for making our own mud kitchen area in the Baby Nursery gardens ready for summer!



Please could we ask that children are still coming to nursery with appropriate footwear and coats, hats etc. so we can all enjoy going outside to play!



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Orange Room News...



This month in Orange room we have been very busy making our own marks on different materials to create our Owls! We used our fine motor skills to hold mark making tools and to glue and stick lots of fluffy feathers to our owls! We have enjoyed lots of singing and reading about animals this month!



We also enjoyed celebrating Valentines day and PANCAKE DAY! We got very messy exploring the water and flour and making our own pretend pancakes!



Purple Room News...

This month we have been talking about different types of flowers that we are starting to see in our garden especially snowdrops. Daffodils and crocuses. We have done lots of mark making using different media, materials and techniques to produce our pictures of our favourite flowers.



We used our fine motor skills to make our marks and some of us could even pick out colours on our flowers!

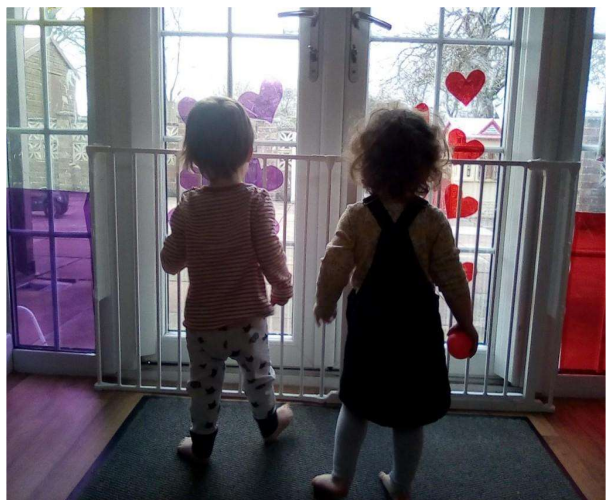


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Red Room News...



We have done different types of painting such as 'puff painting' where self raising flour is also mixed into the paint mixture and is then heated to make it rise. When we did our paintings we recognised different shapes and attempted to say the words of the shapes, we enjoyed placing them in the paint and showing everyone how clever we were by making marks and being independent. We celebrated valentine's



Day, we made our families a picture by using heart shapes in red paint and marking them onto care, we also stuck down hearts using glue and tissue paper of cut out hearts. ❤️ We found that this activity enabled us to be imaginative with what we wanted on our paper and decide where we wanted to place the hearts on the paper.



Our favourite story this month has been 'where's spot' which is why we have decided to do this book for world book Day. At story time we point to the spot book and listen to the practitioners read it to us, we enjoy finding the other animals in the book and making the noises!



Blue Room News...

This month we have been doing lots of valentine's activities, learning the colours red and pink, making cards, painting and glueing and sticking. We even had a red day on valentine's Day where we played with only red and pink toys. Balls, bricks, cars and materials with sticky back plastic to make a pink and red collage.



We have had lots of fun with water play, splashing with our hands and feet. Playing with the boats, cups and rubber ducks and blowing bubbles. We have been doing lots of building using all different types of bricks and we are enjoying lots of counting 1-10



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Day Nursery 1 News...



This month we have been very busy in Day Nursery 1.

We celebrated Valentine's Day by making some lovely salt dough creations and heart shaped paint pictures for our families as well as doing lots of delicious baking.

We have continued to look at Spring and how the weather is still changing. We have been very creative and made some beautiful flower pictures and some fantastic shape umbrellas.

During the activities we have demonstrated excellent listening and understanding skills when following instructions and developed our fine motor skills using different tools and equipment.

During circle time we have really enjoyed singing songs and doing magnetic board. We incorporated this in to our spring theme and made our own pond in the tuff tray. We used our imaginations and practiced our number skills when making the frogs jump on and off the speckled log.



We have recently shown an interest in the moon and planets so we decided to explore space. We have learnt about the 8 different planets and what their names are through some very exciting activities.



We have painted pictures, made Earth biscuits, landed on the moon and made our very own galaxy playdough. It has been lots of fun!

Next month we will continue to look at spring as the weather hopefully gets warmer. We will also be talking about our families as Mother's Day approaches.



At the end of the month we had Pancake Day! We filled the tuff tray with flour, different utensils and pans to make our very own pancakes. We talked about what ingredients we would need and what our favourite toppings are. We even got to have a tasty pancake at snack time.



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Day Nursery 2 News...



We have been very busy in Day Nursery Two this month.

We have been celebrating Valentine's day by making cards using the heart shaped stamps. We used red paint on pink card and enjoyed talking about why we celebrate Valentine's Day.



We have been getting ready for Spring by getting creative with the paints for our spring board. We made ladybirds and bumblebees using the coloured card and the black paint. We also made some chicks using a fork to make different patterns. We have been talking about what happens in Spring and how the weather changes.



We have been playing with activities linked to Spring, we enjoyed looking for bugs in the tray using our magnifying glasses. We talked about what bugs come out when springs starts and what they do.



The last week in February we have been celebrating Pancake day. We enjoyed getting messy in the flour while we pretended to make and bake some delicious Pancakes, we enjoyed mixing the pretend ingredients together and stirring them to make the mixture.

Over the next month we will be continuing to look at Spring and been creative to make more wonderful pieces of artwork for our display board.



We will be celebrating World Book Day by playing with different activities that associate with 'The Big Red Bath' throughout the week. As Mother's day is nearly upon us we will be celebrating the wonderful day by creating beautiful pieces of artwork.



Coming up in March in Day Nursery...

We will be celebrating World Book Day, World Maths Day, Sports Relief and World Water Day! Keep an eye out on Tapestry for the exciting activities we will be taking part in!

Preschool News...



Snowflakes

What great fun we had painting on an enormous piece of paper!

We sat on the floor and made big marks with the paint brushes. We painted our hands and made lots of handprints too!

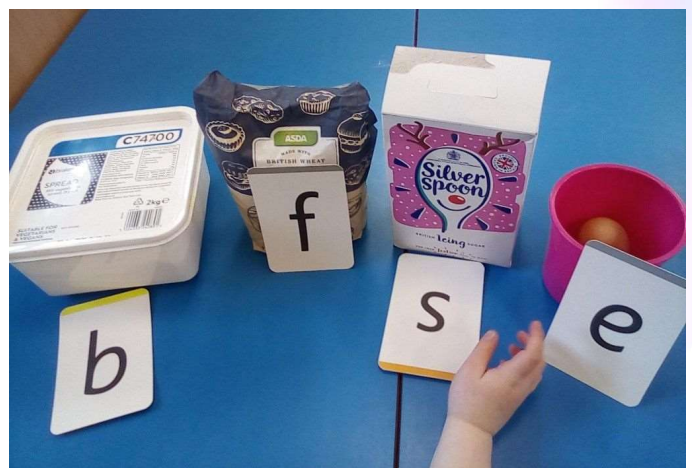


We celebrated Valentine's day by making love bugs. We cut out small heart shapes in different colours independently and placed them in a long line. We then formed the letters of our name on each heart and added a face for our bug!

We took part in lots of baking activities making special treats for Valentine's day.

We discussed what ingredients were needed and what letters the ingredients began with.

We sounded out these initial sounds too!



We celebrated Shrove Tuesday in style. We mixed flour, eggs and milk together to make delicious pancakes. Favourite toppings were orange juice, honey and bananas! We also read a story about a giant pancake that ran away!

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Sunbeams ...



Sunbeams have been discussing feelings and how different circumstances make us feel. We talked about how we can deal with various emotions in a positive way.

We did lots and lots of baking! We made special treats for the people we love on Valentines day...yummy!

We developed our hand-eye coordination by threading wool through tiny holes to create some lovely love hearts!



We developed our numeral recognition and counting skills by sorting heart shapes into the correct order.

We have certainly put all of the rain we have had this month to good use! A giant puddle appeared on the playground so we put on our wetsuits on and went splashing.

We also used paints and brushes to create different colour puddles and make marks on the ground!





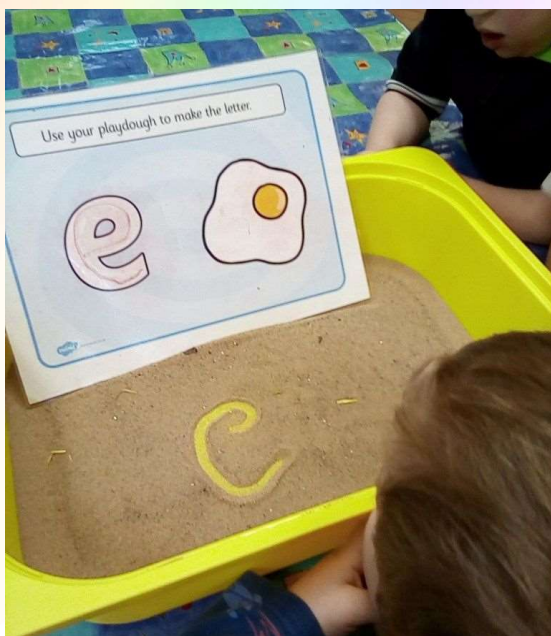
Starlights ...



Changes has been the theme this month in Starlights.

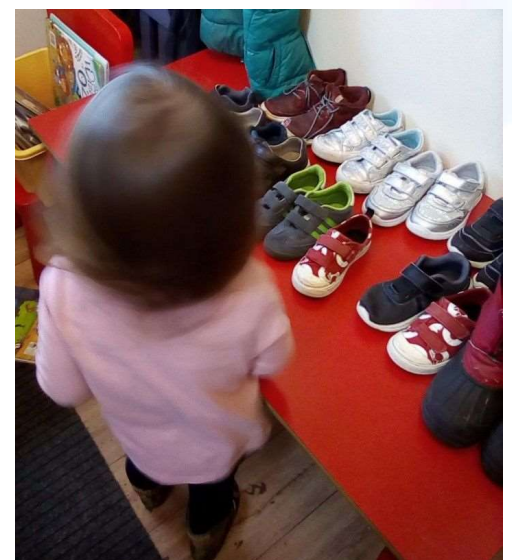
During a walk on the field we noticed that the trees and bushes were changing. They had tiny green buds appearing!

We have also investigated how colours change when they are mixed together. We painted our hands different colours, we then rubbed our hands together and discovered that it made our hands a brand new colour!



Opportunities for developing our maths skills are everywhere! Matching all of the shoes in the cloakroom was a real fun way to do this!

Look how we have been developing our emergent writing skills in fun ways too. Writing doesn't always need to take place with just a paper and a pen!



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Coming up in March....



Mother's Day!

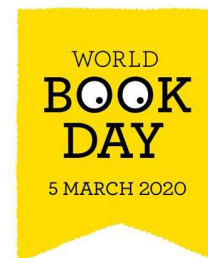
22nd March is Mothering Sunday. Lots of lovely baking and crafts will be taking place to say a big thank you to all the mums out there!

Spring!
Friday 20th March is the first official day of Spring. We will be looking for signs of Spring whilst we are accessing the outdoor areas.



Sport Relief!
W/c 9th March we will be raising money by completing Sport Relief Bingo! Each day brings a new sport challenge to complete!

World Book Day!
We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Please see tapestry for further information.



Sunbeams will be discussing families. Who are our family members? Are all families the same or different?

Snowflakes will be looking at fairytale stories focussing on the number 3 such as The three little pigs and Goldilocks and the three bears

Starlights will be continuing their changes theme by investigating changes in the outdoor environment.

Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

The 17th Feb was Random acts of Kindness day so this month we decided to focus on #BEKIND, we discussed what the effects of saying mean, unkind things can have on a person and ways in which we can look out for one another. This tied in with Children's mental health week.



Finger knitting has proved a popular after school activity this month, children have been working together, helping and teaching one another the art of finger knitting. The month of love and we have been creating lovely Valentine pictures and cards. Clay modelling on a wet and wintery day too.



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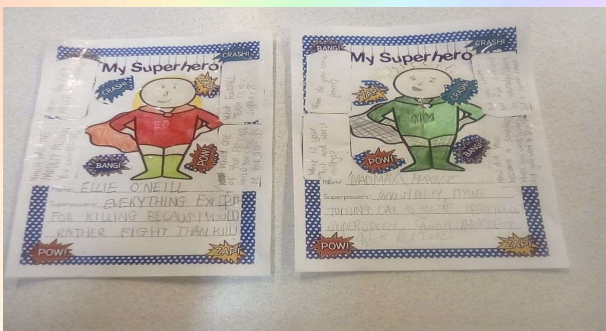
Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

Here's what we have been up to this half term week...



We started the half term with a trip to Selby bowl, the children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had strikes and some scores over a 100.

All the children worked collectively to come up with their own comic strip on a LARGE scale. It was great to see them all using their imagination and their ideas being put down into story.



Original, creative superheroes were created this week. One of the children made us smile her mum was her superhero :-)



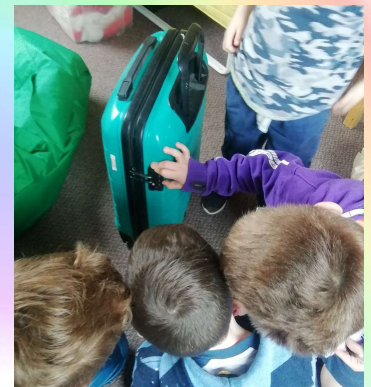
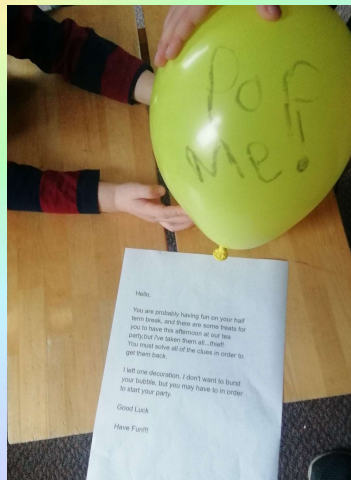
We also had an afternoon of challenges. The first one was the "Flood challenge" they had to work together to stop their paper "House" from flooding testing different materials to see which soaked up the most water. We were able to talk about all the extreme weather we are having at the minute and the localised flooding in the area. The important part of this was working as a team, as one of the children said "Teamwork makes the dream work!" We then had catapult challenges, things got very competitive and that was just the practitioners haha!

We also tried our hand at making Kryptonite crystals.



Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

The children turned police detectives for the morning on our “Not all heroes wear capes” day, A thief snook into Junior Club and stole all the sweets and treats for the tea party tea they were having later that day, so they had to work together to solve riddles and clues leading them around the room to the final number puzzle to crack the code and reveal the sweets. The children did brilliantly and worked fantastically together, each taking on a role, taking it in turns and bringing in their strengths.



Just a reminder...

If your child is not attending a Junior Club session before or after school and they do not require a minibus to take them or collect them from school, can we ask that parents please contact the nursery to let us know. This can either be done by telephone or by email and no later than 2.30pm for the after school session. Failure in letting us know will mean we will collect your child from school and bring them back to Junior Club. So please ensure we know of any after school clubs and cancellations.

Coming up in March....

5th March is World book so we will be continuing the theme and discussion from what you do at school. We will have some story themed crafts.

9th-13th March is Sport Relief where we will be raising money by completing Sport relief bingo. This will see us each day completing a different sport challenge.

20th March sees the first day of Spring.

