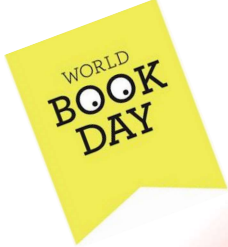


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Messages from the office...



World Book Day - 5th March 2020 - Please keep an eye out for more information on Tapestry next week as there maybe some dressing up involved!

Your child's Spring Term Development Goal is now available on Tapestry along with their Summative Assessment from Autumn Term 2019. If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to speak to a practitioners or the manngage of the area your child attends.

We are currently waiting on NYCC to inform us what the 3 and 4 years old funding rates will be for Summer Term 2020. As soon as they tell us, we will be start the Summer Term funding for you. Watch out for emails coming from Katie soon.....

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>

Deadline for HMRC applications for 30 hours funding for Summer Term is the 31st March 2020, as always please do not leave renewing your code or applying until the last minute.

The Duchess of Cambridge has launched a national survey on early childhood 5 Big Questions on the Under- Fives <https://5bigquestions.org.uk/> if you would like to take part,



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Baby Nursery News...

We would like to welcome Alivia to Purple room!

Alivia is currently developing her knowledge and skills in Childcare through school and will be shadowing our practitioners in Purple room on a Thursday to get some hands on experience and understand how the children develop through play based learning.



We would also like to give a big warm welcome to Miss Scannell in Orange Room!

Miss Scannell is currently working towards her Level 3 qualification in Early Years Education and Childcare. She has enjoyed getting to know all of our Orange Room children and families over the last few weeks and is looking forward to getting her own key children!

Mrs White has now moved from Orange Room to PreSchool and is enjoying getting to know all of her new families and children in our Starlights Room. Whilst we will miss seeing Mrs White every day, we know she will have so much fun in her new adventure in PreSchool!



Finally, even though the wonderful British weather is being kind to us at the moment, 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! - Thank you



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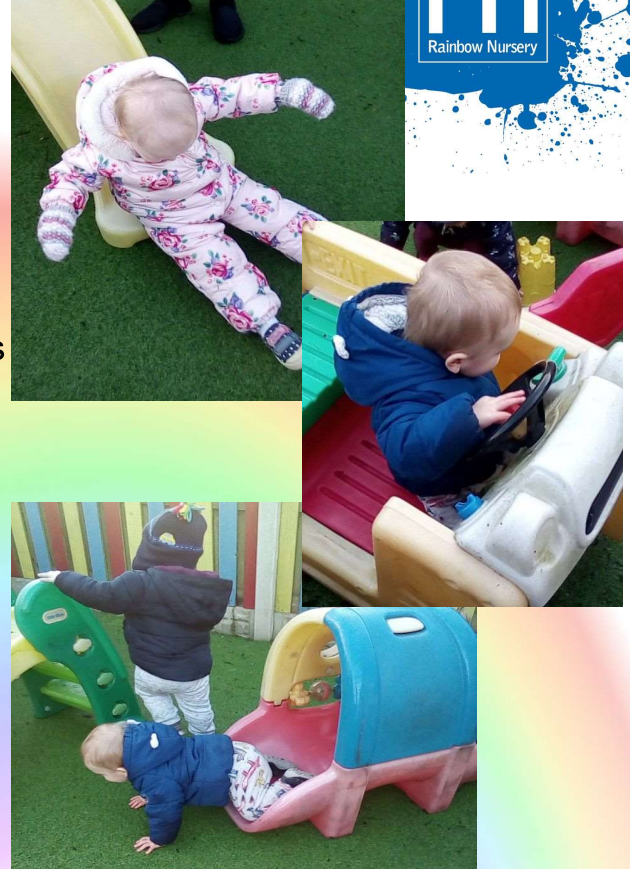


Orange Room News...

This month the Orange room children have been practicing their gross motor skills. Some of our younger children have taken their first steps holding onto furniture and others have even been practicing their first steps!

We have had lots of fun exploring and climbing in the outdoor areas this included climbing on different slides and sliding through different tunnels. Some of the older children have practiced so much they are now climbing up the slide steps and going down all by themselves. Well done everyone! The younger children have all been practicing their wiggling to help them set off down the slides without help!

At story and song time the ladies in the room have had lots of fun encouraging the children to stay active by singing songs that involve moving around the room and stretching up high. The children have learned lots of new actions, body parts and every day words which they can now use to request their favourites.



Purple Room News...

Over the last month we have recovered from all the Christmas madness and have got back into our daily routines at last!

We have welcomed some new starters into purple room who are settling in well. But sadly this means it's also time to say goodbye to some of our older boys and girls as they move over to day nursery and get ready for some new rainbow adventures!!

We have been talking about shapes in purple room and have been trying to name lots of shapes we have found in the room and garden. We have practiced using the shape sorters lots and now understand which shapes fit where. We have also used some shape cutters to print with by dipping them in and out of the paint and printing on paper. Finally, we have also been singing songs about shapes with *twinkle twinkle little star* been a firm favourite. ★★



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Red Room News...



With the weather not being as cold, we decided to go for a walk around the fields and look at all of the nature. We noticed lots of different animals, such as birds and worms! We showed how confident we were by going on the bigger slide area and kicking larger balls around the field.

This month we have been getting to know some new friends and sadly saying goodbye to some of our other friends that have moved up to day nursery!

As a few of us are getting a little bit older, we decided to do lots of role play and make believe playing, we have used the dollies to pretend we have our own babies, we have also used the tea set a lot to pretend to make each other cups of tea and toast!

We have really enjoyed the book 'bear hunt' this month, we have used the sensory sack to go along with the stories, looking at the items inside of the bottles and matching them with parts of the song, for example mud in the bottle was for when the people walk through the mud and they say "squelch squerch"



Blue Room News...

Over the last month we have been looking at under the sea themes, we have played with the boats, fish and buckets and spades. We have been exploring the sand and water play in and outside and enjoyed lots of filling and emptying.

We have been reading the snail and the whale book as it was on the TV over Christmas.

We have watched the first half of it and read the book. We have also made a big display with our whales and snails and sang lots of songs related to under the sea creates such as baby shark and tiny turtle. Next month we are going to be celebrating Valentine's day! We will be making cards and doing lots of red and pink crafts, such as painting, gluing and red gloop.



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Day Nursery 1 News...

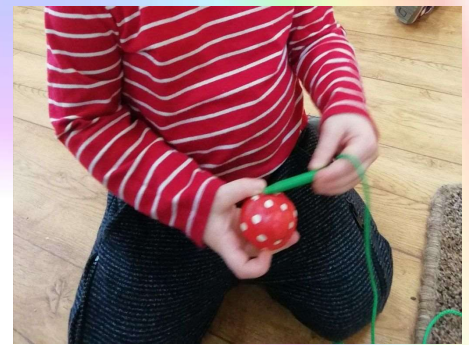
Firstly, we would like to welcome a new practitioner to the Day Nursery 1 team, Mrs Peace will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Peace has two children of her own both of whom attend Rainbow. Mrs Peace will be working towards her Level 3 Early Years Educator qualification.



We have had a lovely January in Day Nursery 1. We welcomed lots of new friends to our room and have spent lots of time getting to know them and helping them to find their way around the classroom. We spoke about how been kind and caring to one another is important and how it makes us feel happy.



We have spent lots of time developing our hand eye coordination though activities involving scooping, pouring and threading.



We have focused on mark making and our ability to draw lines and circles using paint brushes and pencils. We extending this by using materials such as playdough and flour to make patterns and other models with.



Over the next month we will be doing Valentine's themed activities and beginning to look at spring. We have a new learning journey display board in the classroom which we will be adding lots of information for you all to see about our spring activities.

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Day Nursery 2 News...

This month we have been making new friendships with the children who have been visiting from the baby nursery, we would like to welcome them all to our classroom.

We had been playing with the small world toys and using our imaginations to create role play with them. The ladies have set up some fantastic play scenes for us and we have helped by building our own train track as well.



We have been talking about the different textures of the resources that we have been using, about how they feel and the sounds they make.

We have been getting creative with the paints and been creating works of art for the walls in Day Nursery 2. We used the paint brushes and stamps to create different patterns.



Over the next month we will be talking about the different seasons, we will be talking about Spring and starting to look at developing our Spring display board with lots of wonderful artwork.

We love story time in Day Nursery 2, we have been talking about our favourite books and what books we like to read at home. We all had lots of different books to choose from but as a team we decided "Barry the Fish with Fingers" was our favourite at nursery.



Coming up in February in Day Nursery...

We will be continuing working on our new development goals which you should have now seen on Tapestry. We will also be celebrating pancake day at the end of the month.

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Preschool News...

Snowflakes

We were very surprised to see some signs of Spring on the field! We got a closer look at the daffodil shoots that were peeking through and will keep an eye on how they progress over the coming weeks!



Snowflakes started the new year by discussing ourselves. We talked about our likes and dislikes and drew some self portraits. They are on the wall outside the classroom for everyone to see!



We celebrated the Chinese New Year! We learnt all about the story of how an Emperor gave some animals a chance to have a year named after them. The animals had a race over a river.



The story explained the various ways each animal made it across the river. We acted out the story in the tuff tray using pictures of the animals.



We also discovered what animal represents our own year! This year is the year of the Rat!

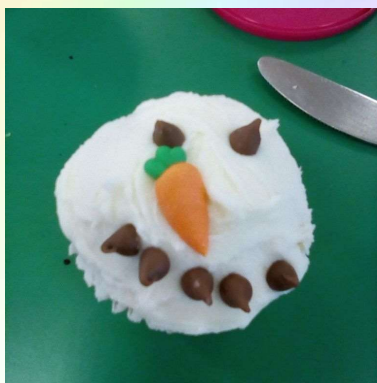
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Sunbeams ...



Some of us had a conversation about volcanoes so we decided to make our very own volcano. We created a structure from card and newspaper and then added bicarbonate of soda and vinegar. This caused the volcano to erupt!!



Winter has been the theme in Sunbeams for most of this month. We have discovered what happens in winter time. Although we have not had any real snow, we baked our own version of a snowman...a yummy snowman bun!!!

At the end of January Sunbeams celebrated the Chinese New Year! The role play area was turned into a Chinese Restaurant and noodles were added to the water tray where we practiced picking up the noodles using chopsticks...it was rather tricky!!



As part of celebrating the Chinese New Year we looked at Chinese writing and Chinese numbers. We discussed how different it looks to how we write words and we even had a try at forming our own Chinese letters and numbers!



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Starlights ...



Starlights have been discussing what we can do to stay healthy. We looked at pictures of a variety of foods and decided whether we thought the food was healthy to eat or unhealthy to eat!

We have also been discussing why washing our hands helps us to stay healthy. We looked at some pictures of what germs look like under a microscope and then drew our own pictures of them.



We have been completing various challenges throughout the day. This challenge was to see what happens when the colours get mixed together. Lots of fun was had discovering new colours.



We all tried eating our lunch using chopsticks instead of a knife and fork! Everyone thought it was a little tricky, but had a very good try, great hand-eye coordination skills everyone....well done!

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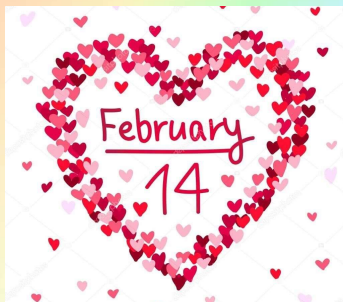
We are happy to welcome Mrs White to Preschool. Mrs White previously worked in Orange room and will be a practitioner within Snowflakes and Starlights classes.

Yoga!

As we were all so busy with nativity practices leading up to Christmas, we took a little break from our Yoga sessions. Yoga is now back in full swing and the children are thoroughly enjoying it. Over the coming months we will be introducing some brand new yoga positions which involve working with a partner!



Coming up in February....



Valentines Day!
Preschool will be full of love as Valentine's Day approaches! Lots of crafts and baking will be taking place!

Pancake Day!
The children will discover why we celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Discovering what ingredients make a pancake and may even have a turn at Pancake flipping!



Sunbeams will be discussing feelings. What makes us happy, what makes us sad and who is special in our lives and why.

Snowflakes will be discussing kindness. What kind actions can we do to others throughout the day and how will this make them feel?

Starlights will be learning all about changes. Noticing if doing a certain action has an effect or change on something.

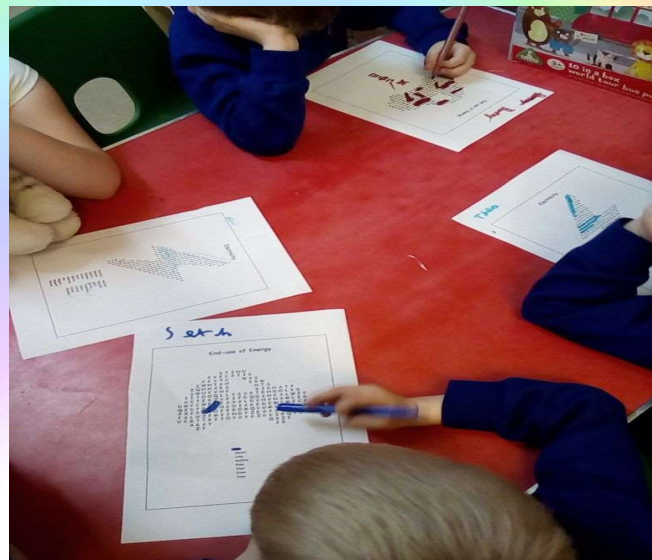


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Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

After the devastating fires in Australia, this led to us in Junior club discussing climate change and the way we can help and look after the Earth. This sparked some really good conversation from all age groups. We talked about ways us as people can make small changes to look after the planet, some really good examples being, growing your own vegetables, walk to places instead of using the car, one child said don't waste your food because in certain parts of the world they don't have the food we have. They also talked about using reusable shopping bags and said lots of mum and dads already do this. Here in Junior club we are trying to not waste food and cut down the use of paper.



We've also been adapting our displays removing signs of dare i say it...Christmas. Keeping with the winter theme adding some fluffy snowmen to the display. Some of our very talented children even finger knitted scarfs and hats for these snowmen.



Here also in Junior Club the children like to eat there afternoon tea with a smile :-)



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Junior Club & Holiday Club News...



These last couple of weeks the weather has been nicer and the lighter days meant the children have been able to get outside after school. This weather meant the children were also able to go outside and take part in the RSPB bird watch this January.

The Junior club children were able to get outside and explore the grounds, equipt with binoculars, clipboards, pencils and papers ready to see what they could find. They stood really quietly just to listen to what they could hear and the different sounds, they heard something which startled them, Mrs Halstead said it was a crow. They discovered wriggly worms in the soil, noticed the different colouring of the plants and saw a few signs of spring.



On Winnie the Pooh day there was lots of colouring in and drawings of our favorite characters. It's a popular choice is the drawing table so they loved showing of their skills.



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Junior Club & Holiday Club News...

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 FEBRUARY...

1st Feb: National Storytelling: We will be coming up with our own "once upon a time" mystical, creative and wonderful stories.

3rd Feb: Children's Mental Health week: This year's theme is "Finding your Brave" lots of discussions around this, Miss Elcock will bring back the yoga and mini mindfulness sessions and looking at stresses and coping techniques.

7th Feb: Numbers day (NSPCC): Lots of number puzzles, quizzes and brain teasers to get our minds working.

11th Feb: Safer internet day " Together for a better internet" there will be resources and information provided for the children to look and and take away if they want too, looking at being safe on the internet.

14th Feb: Valentines day

17th Feb: Random acts of kindness day, following on from the love of Valentine's day we will be looking into kindness, the importance of being kind to others and yourself and how a random act of kindness can make someone's day.

25th Feb: Shrove Tuesday

