



Big Nursery Newsletter

June 2021



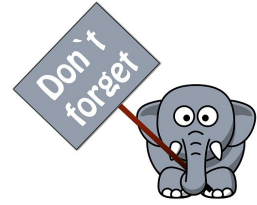
Term dates

Monday 12th July - Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 20th July - Children's last day in school

Wednesday 21st July - Teacher Training Day

Thursday 22nd July - SUMMER HOLIDAYS



Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's)

The Designated Safeguard Leads (DSL's) in Nursery School are:

- Sharon Kindred, Headteacher - Designated safeguard Lead
- Katherine King, Lead Teacher - Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Sally Phillip, Teacher - Named Designated Safeguard Lead.

Everyone has a duty of care for the children in Nursery School. If you need to discuss any safeguarding issues, please speak to one of our DSL's.

Getting ready for school in Warwickshire

Help them enjoy meal times

- Prepare and eat food together
- Enjoy meals without the TV
- Picnic in the Garden
- Learn how to use a knife and fork
- Learn to drink from an open cup

Go to the toilet and wash their hands

- Encourage independence, to wipe themselves, flush the toilet and wash their hands.
- Elasticated waistbands help your child to be independent
- Contact your health visitor if you are having toilet training problems after age 3.

Take turns and share

- Play games together
- Learn to take turns with games
- Fill a pillowcase and guess what is inside by feeling the outside
- The disappearing tray (fill a tray and remove an object and guess what it is)
- Play simple card games and simple matching games

Tidy up and look after toys

- Teach your child how to respect and value belongings
- Tidying is important, make it a game to keep it fun.

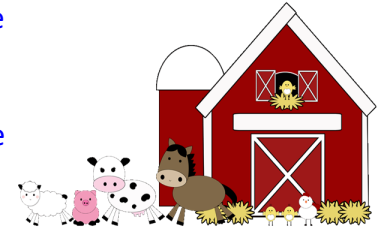


(Information provided by Warwickshire County Council – Ready to Learn Ready for Life)



Teaching and Learning

The Ark Farm visit was a positive learning experience for the children. The children were able to meet and identify different types of farm animals and smaller animals including donkeys, sheep, ducks, hens, goats, tortoise, bunny rabbits, sugar gliders, guinea-pigs, dogs and an owl. The children got the opportunity to stroke the animals safely and learn about taking care of their basic needs including finding out which foods they eat. They were also able to identify similarities and differences and talk about the different characteristics, colour, shape and size of the creatures. Keeping safe and healthy was also a key element of the learning, as the children followed our risk assessment. Staff also supported communication and language by modelling the Makaton signs for the animal names.



We have also extended Knowledge and Understanding of the World learning at nursery through watching frog spawn change into tadpoles and then develop into frogs. The children have particularly enjoyed the opportunity to observe the life –cycle of a caterpillar. Children have developed new vocabulary as they have talked about the changes from egg, caterpillar, cocoon and butterfly. This learning has been linked to one of our favourite stories: 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. At the creative table, children have been creating their own butterfly creations and adults have provided challenge by teaching about symmetry.



Recycling week at nursery was very successful and has helped children to learn about looking after their environment and the importance of recycling resources. We have re-introduced our recycling bins to reinforce recycling paper/card and plastics. We have purchased some new books that we have shared to explore and promote discussion about recycling linked to the journey of a cardboard box and plastic bottle. Fun activities in provision have included creating sensory bottle skittles, musical instruments from recyclables and bird feeders.



Online Safety

We subscribe to the WCC broadband plus digital safeguarding service to keep children safe online.

This meets the requirements of the Keeping Children Safe guidance and the prevent agenda



Please see the information below from the Local Authority.

Please note that the government's guidance has changed so that people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 or who are a close contact can also take a PCR test even if they do not have symptoms, as they are at higher risk of being infected. People with symptoms, even if they are mild are also recommended to organise a test. Please promote this message in your setting to enable early identification of positive cases, so that risk of transmission can be reduced.

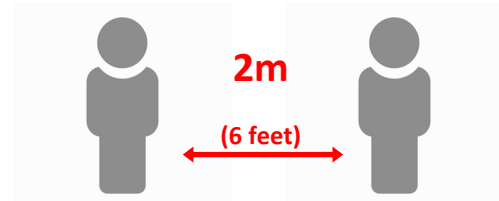


Face coverings and Social distancing

Face coverings are recommended to be worn outside the building when dropping off and collecting children (unless you are exempt).



Please adhere to the 2 metre social distancing rule



Thank you for your understanding to ensure we keep everyone safe.



If your child is absent

Please remember to contact the Nursery on the day your child is going to be absent, you can either:



Telephone **02476 383708**

Text **07511 213751**

(please ensure you put your **child's full name** and the **reason for their absence** in the text)

They should be at home until you feel they are well enough to come back to school. In the case of **sickness and diarrhoea** please make sure your child is symptom free for at least **48 hours** before returning to Nursery.



Please could you make sure **all your phone numbers are up to date** if not please let the office know of any changes.

REMINDER

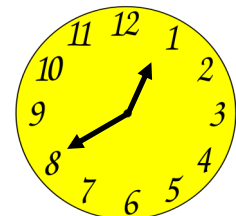
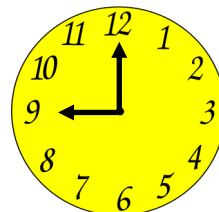
If your child is having to self-isolate can you phone 02476 383708 or if they have taken a COVID test, please can you email the results to **parents1041@welearn365.com**



Session Times

Nursery sessions begin at:

- ⇒ **9.00am for the morning session**
- ⇒ **12.40pm for the afternoon session.**



Please make sure you are on time for the start of sessions as this does have an impact on teaching time.

Makaton signs of the Month - June

We will be helping children to communicate through Makaton signs and spoken language.



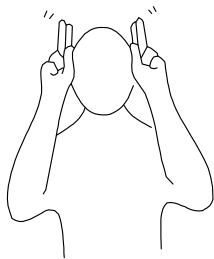
We are proud to say we are a Makaton accredited School



Pig



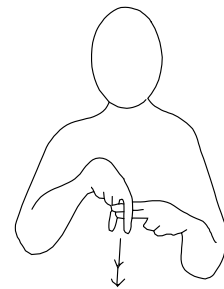
Duck



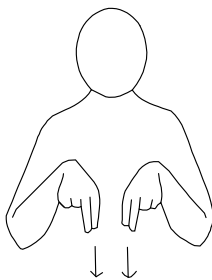
Rabbit



Goat



Horse



Dog



Sheep



Donkey

FUN THINGS TO DO THIS

Summer



1. Paddle in the sea or shallow river with a friend

18. Make your own muffin pizzas

2. Walk barefoot in the grass



19. Go to an outdoor show/fair/market



3. Do bubble paintings - straws, paint and washing up liquid



20. Visit somewhere in your locality

4. Make a seasonal fruit smoothie (even better go fruit picking for it)

21. Visit a different locality and send a postcard from there



5. Cook sausages on a BBQ, Fire pit or open fire with an adult

22. Have a mad hair day

6. Go for a walk and take a picnic for halfway



23. Wear PJ's all day

7. Play the car colour game
Have a water bomb fight

24. Camp (outside or in)

25. Ride a pony (make a pool noodle one)



8. Run under a water sprinkler

26. Have a topsy turvy day (breakfast for dinner, pudding first)

9. Go sand dune jumping

27. Have a day without electronics

10. Watch a full sunset



28. Find an unusual place to read a book

11. Watch a full sunrise

29. Make real lemonade with real lemons

12. Do a butterfly painting

30. Create a tropical setting in your home or garden and have a tropical day

13. Learn a new song

31. Have a cinema day at home

14. Learn a new poem

32. Make popcorn from corn

15. Go on a bear hunt

33. Make a picture collage of your summer

16. Make your own musical instruments



17. Make fruit cocktails complete with mini umbrella



Advice & Support



South Warwickshire
NHS Foundation Trust

Warwickshire Health Visiting
TEXT Chat Service

ADVICE & SUPPORT

for parents of
pre-school children
in Warwickshire

TEXT: 07520 615293
9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday

We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only,
which will be charged at your normal rate.

THIS IS NOT AN EMERGENCY SERVICE
For urgent medical attention please contact your GP or call 111 or 999

CHAT Health

A texting advice service for parents and carers of the pre-school child.

If you have any questions about your pre-school child, or your own health and well-being you can use our texting service 07520 615293 anytime. A health visitor will aim to text you back within 2 hours in normal working hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, excluding Bank Holidays).

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Family Support Drop In for advice for all families in Warwickshire

For families, children and young people 0-19 years old, or 0-25 years with additional needs

Duty Line 01926 412412
9am – 4pm Monday – Friday



Family Information Service (FIS)

We provide information, advice and one-to-one support for families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- family relationships
- finance
- housing
- parenting support
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- childcare health and wellbeing



Phone: 01926 742274

Website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>