

New Beginnings News Letter Spring

Look what we have been up to...



Little Acorns; I would like to welcome all new children to the Little Acorns room. You have all settled well and enjoyed your visits.

The role play area has been turned into a shop. The children have loved playing with the till and filling up the shopping baskets, bags and trolley.

We have been reading the Dear Zoo story along with the puppets. The children now love making animal sounds. We have also extended our small world area and added the zoo animal figures to explore.

Oak Leaves; We took part in national bird watching week where we made some bird feeders to hang in our nursery garden. We then did some bird spotting and talked about what birds we could see.

Our core story has been 'Walking in the Jungle' we explored the animals that are in the story by the sound they make and what they look like. To extend this we made tiger stripe pictures, jungle animal masks and did some animal stomping in the creative area.

We have also loved exploring the properties of water in and outdoors. Filling and emptying, making potions and perfumes with colours water, flower petals, glitter and foam.



Mighty Oaks; we have been reading and learning around the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have been learning new mathematical language such as size, order and matching. We have explored real porridge in the home corner and did some making and tasting a snack time.

Mighty Oaks children have been independently making their own playdough and taking part in Disco Playdough to help develop their fine motors skills. They manipulate the playdough in a range of ways along to music and copy actions.

We have been encouraging independence as a whole; putting on own coats, helping undressing and dressing and toilet training.



Advice and tips; Managing feelings and behaviours.

Conflict resolution; try not to intervene too quickly. Help child to identify emotion 'I can see your feeling...' 'how can we make you feel better/happy...' 'you feel like this because...'

Use and encourage children to use assertive simple language 'I don't like it when you...' 'I am doing/using this... then we will.....'

Recycled resources! *"Your trash is our treasure!"*

Thank you for your donations, please keep donating we are always looking for new treasures that spark children's interest and learning.

Ofsted: We have recently had our Ofsted inspection. We are delighted to announce our results with you. We're judged with Strong Standard and Expected Standard.

Inspectors noted that; 'staff discuss the impact behaviours can have on others. They work alongside young toddlers to resolve conflict. This supports very young children to understand expectations, play well together and show kindness to one another. Children behave exceptionally well'.

'children are expertly supported to recognise, express and manage their emotions.

The inspectors identified one area for further development. We are already addressing by reducing the time scale in which we complete this task.

Announcements;

Key workers will be contacting you soon to share children's progress in their learning and development.

Easter Holidays are approaching, we will be closed for term time children 3rd -17th April... All year round children's hours are being reduced to