

Stepping stones NEWSLETTER

Spring 2026

Our term : Mini Beast and new life

This term, the children have been busy exploring our theme of the month through stories, songs, phonics, yoga and creative activities. Across the nursery, we have been focusing on sensory exploration, early language development and building confidence through play-based learning and everyday experiences.

Nursery team



Joey's Updates

The Joeys have been enjoying messy play, exploring different textures and materials that encourage curiosity and creativity. In the garden, they have been making mud pies, exploring mini beasts and developing their physical skills while enjoying the fresh air. Through these activities, the Joeys are learning to share and take turns, building early social skills. Language development has also been encouraged through playful conversations, stories and songs. These experiences are helping the Joeys learn, grow and have fun in a nurturing environment.



Possum's Updates

The Possums have been very adventurous and full of curiosity as they explore nature through hands-on play. This term we've enjoyed searching for mini beasts, learning makaton and being creative with our spring themed arts and crafts.

We have also been practicing turn-taking and sharing through lots of group activities to support social skills.

Key Dates

Father's day : 16th June

Parents meeting : 1st-8th July

Your child's key worker will book a slot with you

Graduation Event: 15th July.

ROOs Room updates

The Roos have been exploring early phonics, with a focus on the letters and sounds "a" and "s". The children have enjoyed using flashcards, songs, and listening activities to help build their confidence in recognising sounds and developing early literacy skills.

This term, the Roos have also been enjoying messy play and painting activities, encouraging sensory exploration and creativity. These experiences also help to develop fine motor skills and pincer grip through using brushes and different tools.

Activity Highlights

Here are some of the activities children will be participating in this coming term:

- Colour sorting and matching games
- Painting and creative art experiences
- we will be introducing artist of the month where we will focus on one artist and how they incorporate shapes and textures into their art.

Further details will be provided on the room bulletin boards.



Curriculum Highlight

We have continued to strengthen our literacy curriculum through the Biff, Chip and Kipper phonics approach alongside our First Stories sessions, supporting early language, listening skills, confidence with books and a love of reading through fun, play-based learning.

We are also pleased to now be part of the National Day Nurseries Association Maths Champions programme, helping children develop early maths skills through hands-on, play-based experiences including counting, patterns, shape and problem-solving within everyday nursery activities.



Staff Farewell

We would like to share that Sibel will be leaving us at the start of June. We are incredibly grateful for the care and dedication brought to our nursery and we thank her for all of her contributions during her time with us.

A new team member will be joining us shortly and we are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition for the children and families.

Reminders

- Please bring in clearly labelled sun cream if your child uses a preferred brand.
- Please remember to collect your child's artwork from their tray regularly.
- At pickup time, please collect your child promptly and leave the nursery together.



Last week, we had a few children unwell, but thankfully this has now settled. Please remember to keep children at home if they are unwell to help prevent illness spreading. Our team will continue to follow thorough cleaning and hygiene procedures to help minimise the spread of illness.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us maintain a healthy environment.