



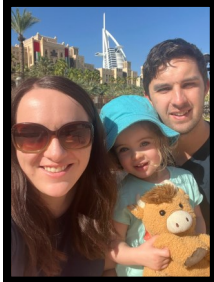
# Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

## February 2024

**Harris out and about-** In Big Squirrels we have Harris the Highland Cow, and just look at what he has been up to with our families and young children. Thank you to all our children and parents.



Looking after the Cheltenham Gold Cup.



On Holiday in Dubai.



Playing a game of pool.



Pumpkin picking in October



Baking some yum-my cakes



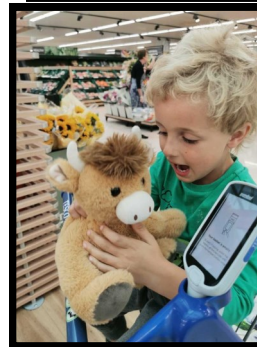
Enjoying gymnastics



Enjoying baking and eating Gingerbread people .



On the beach with Grace.



Busy shopping at the supermarket.



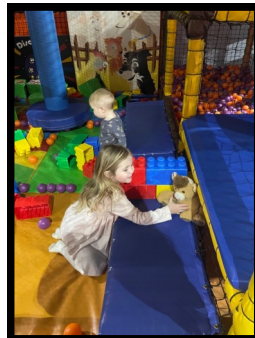
Being adventurous at the park



Playing with the toys in Hospital.



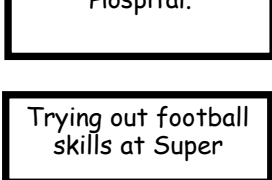
Trying out Swimming



Having a go at playing with Soft play



Watching milk the cows.



Trying out football skills at Super



Halloween fun with friends

Trying his skills at Ballet



# Ladybirds Learning Activities in January 2024



Playing alongside each other.



Exploring the farm sensory tray.



Showing curiosity in the ICT toys.



Getting creative with the dough.



Enjoying the cereal sensory tray.



Having fun making marks.



Ready, steady, go!



Peekaboo!



Enjoying some fun outside.

# Hedgehogs Learning Activities in January 2024



Exploring the sand and foam sensory tray.



Using the brushes and Paints to create marks.



Creating marks in the gloop.



Joining in singing whilst using our Tappa Sticks.



Planting and watering our herbs.



Story time with Grace.



Enjoying a morning walk in the field.



Slide time.



Playing a game together.



Using our fine motor skills to peel off the stickers.

# Little Squirrels Learning Activities in January 2024



Working together.



Exploring the Hippo sensory tray.



Getting creative with the dough.



Enjoying a frosty walk in the meadow.



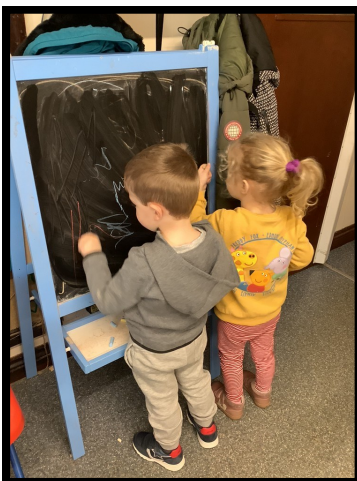
Tiger Tuesday.



Creating potions.



Witchy Wednesday!



Mark making together.



The Tiger that came to tea sensory tray.



Having fun with the yellow play dough we made.

# Big Squirrels Learning Activities in January 2024



Taking part in team games.



Creating our Rocket pictures.

Completing a threading challenge.

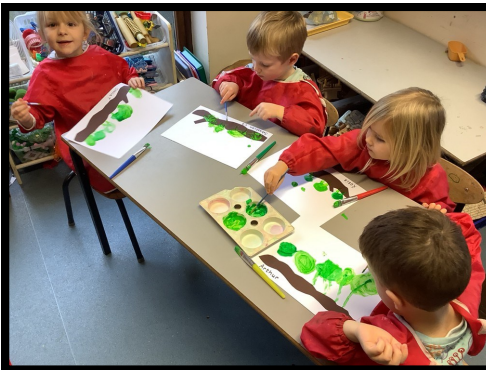


Practising cutting skills.



Practising our cutting skills.

Creating a Big Squirrels number four.



Threading the beads onto pipe cleaners.



Blow the Ping pong ball challenge.



Weaving materials in and out of the fence.



A frosty morning in the mud kitchen.

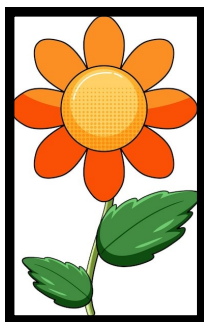
## Mummy's Afternoon

On Tuesday 5th March 4pm-5.30pm we are inviting our Mummy's into Nursery to enjoy some creative activities with your child and enjoy a light refreshment.

This afternoon is to celebrate Mothering Sunday which for this year will be 10th March.

Our aim is to also organise a Dad's morning in June at around the time of Father's day and you may remember we had a Grandparent's day in October. Therefore, throughout the year we are keen to welcome our families into the Nursery to see what we do and to support your children's learning.

This afternoon is available for the children's Mums who attend on that Tuesday afternoon. Unfortunately we can't open this up to all of our Mums as we just wouldn't have the space.



Therefore, if your child is at Nursery on Tuesday 5th March, and you would like to join us, please let us know via an email to me or through Tapestry. Thank you.

## People who help us week

You may have read in an email which I sent out last week that as a Nursery we are having a whole "People who help us week." This week will be taking place on w/c 26th February.

So, an update, on what we have booked so far:-

On the Tuesday I have booked for an ambulance to visit at 9-30am and one of our Doctor parents has kindly offered to visit, so I am just trying to arrange times with this parent.

I have also been trying to contact a lollipop lady, so I am just waiting confirmation back from this lady.

So, if you work, have a trade and help others, please do let me know and we will invite you in to talk to the children.

Some examples, which I know the children would love would be as follows:-

- A Police officer
- A Vet
- A Mechanic
- A Builder
- A lunchtime supervisor
- A post office worker
- A bus driver
- A teacher
- A refuse collector
- A lifeguard
- A firefighter
- A dentist

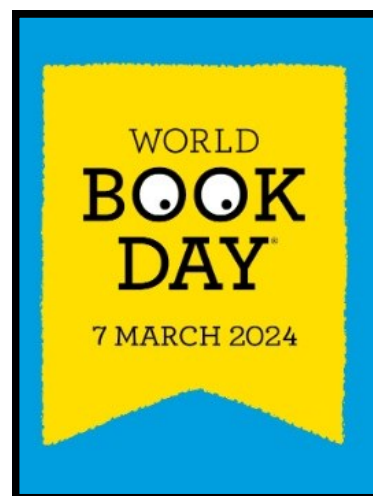
Many thanks as always

## World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

We will be dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March and if you would like to, join in please bring your child to nursery dressed as their favourite book character. If you need a little inspiration have a look at [www.bookaid.org/worldbookday](http://www.bookaid.org/worldbookday) for some ideas and step by step character costume-making guides!

Stories are such an important part of a child's Early Years experiences and we look forward to celebrating World Book Day on 7th March. Please do encourage your child to bring their favourite story this week so we can promote the children's literacy skills for the week.

If parents would like a £1 voucher which you can exchange for one of 10 exclusive £1 World Book Day books or you can use it to get £1 off any book costing more than £2.99 please ask a staff member. You can use these vouchers in supermarkets and many independent bookshops. These vouchers are valid between certain dates- I have received the vouchers and they will be available in the Nursery classes, so please do just ask us for these. If you would like any further information please do have a look at [www.worldbookday.com/books](http://www.worldbookday.com/books)



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## Magic Moments

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Please let us know if your child has done something exciting at home and we will celebrate it here with a Wow Certificate! It is really wonderful to see our children taking steps forward in their learning and development and they also love sharing their certificates with their friends during Circle Time.

**Ladybirds:** Congratulations to **Stella** for walking independently.

**Hedgehogs:** Well done to **Henry C** doing so well with your toileting and wearing big boy pants.

**Little Squirrels:** Congratulations to **Oliver** for doing so well with your potty training. Well done to **Bertie** and **Fflur** for settling in so well. Congratulations to **Santi** for coming into Nursery happily, and well done to **Tabitha** for being brave at the dentist.

**Big Squirrels:** Well done **Sebastian W** for riding your bike without stabilisers. Well done to **Betsy** and **Hendrix** for discovering new foods when helping Mummy bake at home. Also, a huge well done to **Bobby B** for completing some amazing climbing at the large adult climbing wall. We would like to congratulate **Ottilie F** for completing some excellent roller skating and also a huge well done to **Oscar** for starting a new Taekwon-do class- we are so proud of you all- well done Big Squirrels.

**Congratulations to all of you superstars!**

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## Paracetamol/ Nurofen and absence periods

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Just a polite reminder to all parents that children who are given Paracetamol/Nurofen in the morning are not allowed into Nursery for their session.

Also regarding diarrhoea and sickness, the child **must** remain away from Nursery for 48 hours after last loose bowel movement or until a formed stool is passed and 48 hours after the last bout of vomiting and ensuring the child is eating and passing food normally

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## Little Squirrels Parent Days

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This month will be Little Squirrels Parent Days. If you would like to discuss your child's progress and how they are getting along, please email me at [info@countysidedaynursery.co.uk](mailto:info@countysidedaynursery.co.uk) and I will Little Squirrels to arrange a consultation with you.

Alternatively, please message the Little Squirrel staff through Tapestry and they will then arrange a convenient time with you via this method.

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## School Choices for 2024

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As the deadline for applying for your child's choices for school has now passed we would like to wish all of our parents and children the very best of luck as their school choices are now being sorted by the various Local Authorities. This is always an anxious time as the wait is long and parents won't hear until April, however, if you could let us know in April which school your child has been accepted to, I would be very grateful. We will then be contacting your child's school to ensure a smooth transition by arranging a discussion with you as parents and your child's reception teacher.