



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

February 2021

Safeguarding Training

I just thought I would update you to inform you that although we are currently in the midst of a national lockdown and a global pandemic, our training is continuing here at Countryside.

Mandy (Hedgehog Room) is working hard to co-ordinate a whole plethora of safeguarding training, on line, without having to leave the Nursery and this is being completed amongst our staff team. I am extremely grateful to Mandy for helping me with this task, as it is not the easiest to co-ordinate!!

In the past we would usually access these courses in group settings, but this is not possible, so we are now logging in at certain times to pre-book and reserve training events or we are completing training offered to us individually online, by logging in and having our own individual training platforms.

I would like to thank all the staff who have been completing this training- this is not the "usual" way in which we train, but it is the safest for the time being. It is also so important that we keep up-to-date with all latest developments, particularly so in the safeguarding field- thank you Mandy for your help with this.

World Book Day - Thursday 4th March

We will be dressing up for World Book Day on Thursday 4th 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 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 national story telling week during week beginning 1st February. Please do encourage your child to bring their favourite story this week so we can promote the children's literacy skills for these months.

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 yet to receive the vouchers myself, however, once they arrive we will have them ready in the Nursery classes and for further information please do have a look at www.worldbookday.com/books

Ladybirds Learning Activities in January



Completing puzzles.



Concentrating on moving the beads.



Mark Making.



Playing chasing games with friends and initiating play with others.



Practising holding mark making tools.



Enjoying completing a puzzle together.



Practising walking.



Spent lots of time stacking toys.



We have been enjoying bubbles this month and using our words to request them.



Practising using our palmer grasp whilst using mark making tools.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in January



A lovely walk on a cold and frosty morning.



Aleksandra and her boyfriend made this amazing busy board.



Busy cooking pasta for dinner.



Cooking in the mud kitchen.



Dr. Edith



Jack found a frozen cobweb.



Jack Frost story.



Parachute games bouncing the penguins up and down.



Puzzle challenge, who can finish the puzzle.

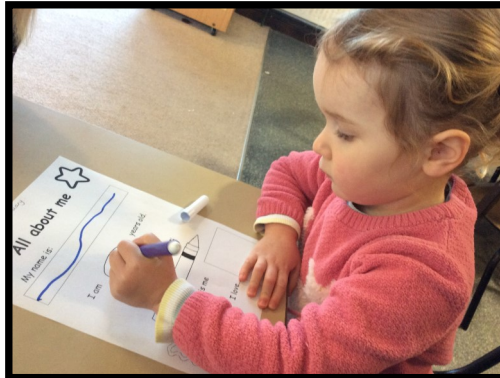


Professor Emlyn.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in January



All about me.... I am special because.....



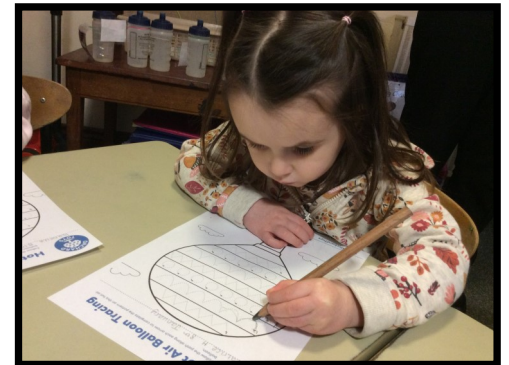
Fantastic helping!



Differentiation of size.



Making Ladybirds.



Fine motor skills, tripod grip, control of mark making tools.



Insects topic.



Number ducks...number recognition.



Listening games.



My favourite food is....



Self portraits.



Going on a bug hunt.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in January



Bandaging Grace .



Busy weeding.



Cleaning teeth for the dentist day.



Creating a Helicopter Pad.



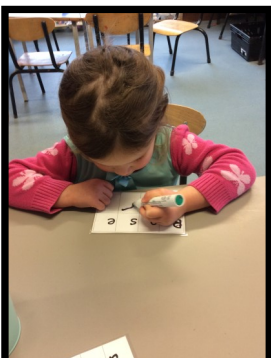
Creating our make believe fire.



Having fun rides on the trolley.



Making X-Ray pictures.



Practising writing our names.



Role playing for police day.



Singing, barbequing and eating 10 fat sausages.



Squirting the hose to put our fire out.



Wearing glasses for our optician day.



Writing our names.

Thank you to.....

Sam

Thank you to Sam's parents who very kindly donated a bag of Sam's toys and comforters which he no longer wanted.

This was very kind of you and I am sure the children in the ladybird room will have lots of fun with these lovely resources.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.



Ella

Thank you to Ella's parents for donating some of Ella's clothes which she has outgrown for us to use for our spare clothes.

This was very kind of you to think of us and we shall make great use of them.

Thank you.



Matilda

Thank you so much to Matilda's parents for donating some art and craft bits and bobs for the children to use in Big Squirrels. We are very grateful and the children are being very creative with these resources.

Thank you..



Max

Thank you to Max's parents for donating some nappies that Max no longer requires. These will be very useful with the younger children and it was very kind of you to think of us.

Thank you.



Magic Moments

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 **Delilah** and **Emilia O** for sleeping on a mat. Well done to **Seb** and **Nora** for taking your first steps. Congratulations to **Ned** for using his cutlery well whilst eating. Well done to **Ben**, **Martha** and **Arthur** for settling in so well and Congratulations to **Hettie** for walking into Nursery independently.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Joseph**, **Everly**, **Henry N**, **Penny G**, **Evelyn S** and **Hugh** for all settling in so well and Congratulations to **Rex** for sleeping in a big boys bed.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations to **Sofia**, **Christian**, **Suzanna**, **Toby**, **Felicity**, **Sophie** and **Elsie** for all settling in so well. Well done to **Thomas** for wearing big boy pants and congratulations to **Mollie** for helping to put all the puzzles away. A very well done to Sam for being brave at the doctors and to **Rose** for getting herself dressed- you are very clever children.

Big Squirrels: Well done to **Max** for helping Grace to mend the table leg. A very well done to **Isobel** for taking her baby dolls out of her bike and telling us all about it. Also, a huge well done to **Robyn**, **Mateo**, **Rose**, **George Ella**, **Rose**, **Dexter** and **Bert** for settling-in so well in Big Squirrels Room- you have also done so well

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Little Squirrels Parent Days

This month will be Little Squirrels Parent Days. If you would like to discuss with your child's key worker how they are getting along, please email me at info@countrysidedaynursery.co.uk and I will ask Sarah or Claire to arrange a telephone 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.

School Choices for 2021

As the deadline for applying for your child's choices for school has now passed (15th January) 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 completing a transition record in July and talking with your child's reception teacher.