



Butterfly Barns Day Nursery

NURSERY NEWS January 2021



Diary Dates

- 4th January: Nursery re-opens
- 14th January: Julia Donaldson dress up day.
- 18th January "Winnie the pooh day
- 29th January National Puzzle day

Welcome

We would like to welcome all our new parents and children who will be joining us throughout January. We hope you enjoy your time here with us at Butterfly Barns.

We have no birthdays coming up in January!

What to look forward to in January:

We say a sad but fond goodbye to Chris our cook who is retiring at the end of December. She has been at Butterfly Barns for 30 years and we will miss her hugely. However we say a warm welcome to Ann who will be our new chef and will start in January.

From the 4th to the 15th January we are going to be celebrating Julia Donaldson stories. The children will be taking part in many different activities and on Thursday the 14th January we will be dressing up as our favourite characters from her stories and look forward to seeing the children dress up too.

On Monday the 18th January we will be celebrating "Winnie the pooh" day. Please can the children wear something to do with "Winnie the pooh".

Friday the 29th January: Is National puzzle day, the children will be taking part in many different activities, problem solving games thought-out the day.

Highlights of the Month

December Highlights:

What a busy month we all had! Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Jumper Day for "Save the Children", we raised £37.00

This children had a surprise visit from 2 police cars and 5 police officers, they all loved talking to the police officers and listening to the sirens and watching the blue lights! The police officers asked that if the children see them to say hello and give them a wave!

We all practised hard for our Christmas shows which were filmed for online viewing this year. Thank you for the costumes and support from parents, the children really shined brightly in their performances!

We had a magical visit from Santa too, and all the children received a gift, and took home a bag full of all their Christmas crafts.

Reminders:

As we enter Tier 4 we ask parents to please wear a mask when dropping off and collecting their children. You will not be able to enter the garden if you are not wearing a mask.

Covid-19 reminders: If your child is showing any signs please do not bring them to nursery, and we advise you to request a test. If your child has had calpol before nursery they will not able to come in as it can mask any other symptoms. If your child becomes ill at nursery we will be ringing for you to collect your child. If a family member has to self-isolate then your child will not be able to attend nursery.

Room Highlights

Bumblebees



This month in Bumblebees we have been having lots of sensory exploration, listening to different instrument sounds, learning new songs for Christmas and decorating the tree with sparkles and tinsel.

We have explored snow and ice when it came to think about the seasons, and used our fingers to make paintings.

When the Police visited in their car we went to meet them and wave. They were very friendly and we listened to their loud sirens!

In January we will be learning more through nursery rhymes and listening games.

Caterpillars



A big welcome to Liz, our new member of staff, in Caterpillars, and Oliver, a new child. The Caterpillar children have enjoyed lots of music and movement this month and exploring musical instruments. They have made a lovely winter wall display, and enjoyed playing with ice and talking about weather and the seasons.

They have pretended to be a Gruffalo extending their imagination, and working on their gross motor skills of balancing and climbing on the de-construction equipment in the garden.

Caterpillar children have started to show an interest in the characters from 'Going on a Bear Hunt', and playing 'What's in the Box?' They loved their visit from Santa and learning lots of new Christmas songs.

Butterflies

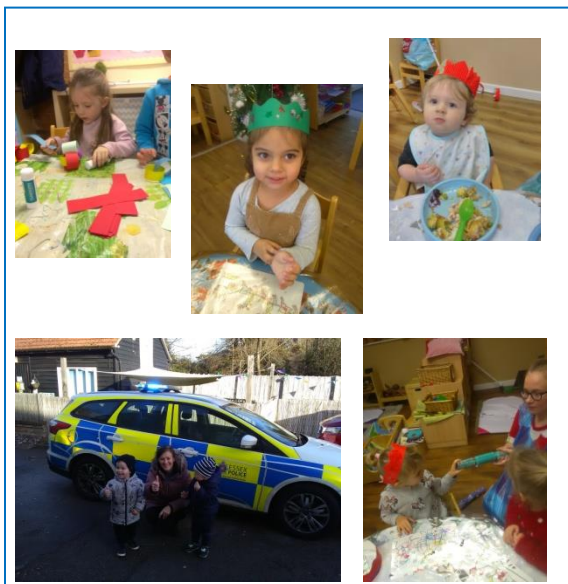


The Butterflies have enjoyed a busy month in December, with a big focus on practicing and learning 'Shine Star Shine' which was a success. We have continued to learn our literacy and numeracy in exciting ways through games, rhymes and crafts.

The stories we have enjoyed this month have included The Gruffalo's Child, The Snowman and Lost in the Snow. We hope the books from Santa will continue to inspire their love of stories which is strong in this group.

We have loved our new 'Ice Castle' room which has given us a winter atmosphere and magical Christmas room to learn in.

In January we will be finding out more about the different seasons, using the Julia Donaldson Story of 'Stick Man' and Traditional Fairy Tales as starting points for learning.



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