



AMBOURNE NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

A very happy June to all & we hope you have all had a fantastic May. Here at Ambourne we have continued to see a month full of happy faces, laughter and fun. As well as this we have welcomed some new staff members and began to renovate our Kindergarten and preschool garden. Please take a look at this newsletter to see what else we have all been up to!

A MONTH OF FUN AT HOME:



We love to see what you get up to at home! Please keep us updated on Tapestry 😊

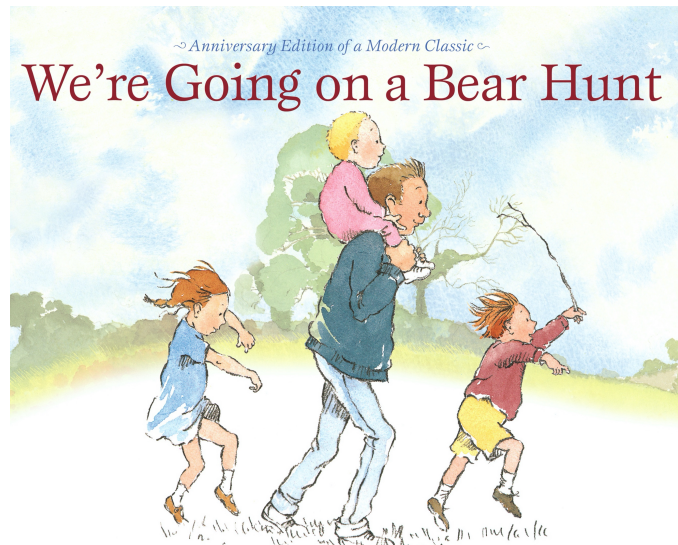


TADPOLES



This month has been busy in our tadpole room. We have introduced a new book of the month which has been an absolute hit with the little ones, "We're going on a bear hunt" by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury.

With this book in mind the children have enjoyed a selection of sensory activities that are brilliant for development. Within the room the babies have enjoyed making their own suns to display above them whilst they eat. They have explored the different sizes and footprints of a bear through numeracy-based activities and extended their learning through learning the different noises of animals.



Michael Rosen

Helen Oxenbury

WELCOMING SPRING WITH THE BABIES!



Babies learn about the world around them through their **senses**. This month our learning methods have been

no different and we have enjoyed welcoming the spring season through sensory trays. We have encouraged the babies to explore the trays with curiosity, focusing on bright colours to represent the spring.



ROOM CHANGES TO REFLECT INTERESTS

The Tadpole room has had a mini makeover this month. Various areas have been adapted and developed in order to support the interests of the children. A focus has been their "exploring colours" area which enables the children to use their senses to explore colour. Another key focus has been their "caring for baby" area which allows the children to role play behaviour they experience.



RESPONSE TO NEW ROOM

There has been a wonderful response to the new areas in the room. The children have enjoyed spending their time looking after the babies. We have seen the children role play feeding the babies, and rocking them to sleep. It has been a great response to a new area.



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!

It has been a brilliant month in the Tadpole room, we look forward to continuing in this way throughout June!

FROGS



WELCOME TO OUR MAY IN THE FROG ROOM

Hello to all Frog parents. We cannot wait for you to have a glimpse into what we have been up to in the Frog room. This month we have introduced a new "book of the month", introduced a new train area, been to the farm and lots more.

NEW BOOK OF THE MONTH

This month we have seen a great interest with the children exploring the outdoors and hunting for

creepy crawlies! So much so that we introduced "Superworm" as our book of the month. This has enabled us to link their outdoor learning into the room and extended their interests further. Within the room we have created our own giant Superworm, made characters

from the book and even found worms in the garden and put them into a wormery. Both indoor and out, the children have loved our focus on bugs. They have enabled the children to use independence in finding bugs, and also great team work in digging holes and playing together.



INTERNATIONAL FAMILY DAY

This month we enjoyed celebrating international family day. This celebrates Families across the globe and how different they are. It raises awareness on the economic and political issues they may face, and how they get through it together.

If there is a national or international day approaching you would like us to celebrate with your child, please let us know!



TRIP TO THE FARM

This month a group of toddlers enjoyed a very special trip to Lawrence Weston Community Farm. This was inspired by a continued interest in animals



within the Frog room. Here we saw all different farm animals that we now incorporate into "Old

Macdonald had a farm" during circle time. Throughout the summer an aim is to use the minibus as much as possible to take more toddlers out!



POST OFFICE AREA & TRAIN TRACK AREA

This month two new areas have been added to the frog room. First, an interactive "post office" has been added. Here we have made our own post box and left letters next to it for the toddlers to post. Posting letters has been an interest within the toddler room as they have enjoyed seeing a cause and effect play style. We have also added a train track area which has been a hit! Our toddlers love vehicles so this has been a firm favourite within the room.

We have had a wonderful time this May in the toddler room.

KINDERGARTEN



This month the kindergarten has been very busy. Our book of the month has been "Aliens in Underpants save the world" and it has been a success with the children. We have continued to introduce Montessori resources into children's play and had a great month.

ALIENS IN UNDERPANTS SAVE THE WORLD AND SPACE

This month the children have loved all things space! We have had a continued interest in the solar system and alongside our book of the month we have enjoyed lots of space related activities. Aliens in underpants also introduces the concept of underwear and the transition to pants so we have found this has been great in introducing the topic of Potty training.



INTRODUCING MONTESSORI

Here at Ambourne we are heavily inspired by Montessori and this month we have begun to introduce this to our Kindergarten. We have



used our mathematical skills to compare the sizes of shapes, and used this knowledge to fit shapes into various puzzles. We have repeated this activity and used role modelled behaviour to allow the children learn as well as participate.



GARDEN FUN

As the weather has begun to warm, we have enjoyed spending more time in our garden. Here the children are given a chance to explore the outdoors and play with one another freely.



We have seen the children bond and play games together, and we

have also seen the children love to explore the sandpit and make their own creations of shapes and sizes.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW KINDERGARTEN STAFF

This month we have had Amber, Megan, Melba and Mya join our lovely kindergarten team. As our days are getting busier, we have welcomed some new faces into the room. You may see them at handover and with your children during the day. We are positive that our new and expanding team will have great amounts of fun with your children, so please stop them and give them a huge warm welcome!

PERSONAL CARE

This month the children in our Kindergarten room have enjoyed taking pride in their personal care and hairdressing. We have spent days brushing each other's hair and experimenting with different hairstyles. It has been so much fun and we have loved how creative the children have been!

BUTTERFLIES



Welcome to a month our preschool room. This month has been no different to another in that we have been very busy in learning and preparing the children for their next educational journey into Primary School. As we are nearing the final term for this year, we have begun a continued focus on phonics, letter work and self-care. Please have a little look at the fun we have had below!

GOODNIGHT SPACEMAN

This month our book of the month has been "Goodnight spaceman" by Michelle Robinson.



This has been due to an increased and continued interest in space and the outer world around us within the butterfly room. The book focuses around 2 children who dream all about space and go on a wonderful adventure. Within the butterfly room this month we have had masses amounts of fun creating spaceships, roleplaying space, learning about planets and beginning



to read vocabulary from the book. Pairing teaching the children academic skills such as reading with a topic of interest has been wonderful for their keenness to learn!

SELF CARE AND INDEPENDENCE

This month we have introduced for the children to clean up after themselves for all meals. We have



created a system in which the children will scrape their leftover food into the bins, and then rinse their bowls before they are put in our dishwasher. Introducing this has been incredibly successful in promoting independence, giving the children control and responsibility and role



modelling good behaviour. We plan to continue this in preschool and a hope is that it prepares children for life. In the same respect, we have also seen a growing interest in the children role playing hairdressers and such acts of self-care. We have extended this interest by adding hairbrushes and other tools into the room to allow them to experiment.



PHONICS AND NUMERACY

As the children are quickly approaching their next stage of life and will shortly be going to school, we have been introducing



activities that encourage the children to spell short words, identify letters and also to identify numbers and



use them to add small quantities. So far, we have found all activities have been very successful and the children have found the tasks very rewarding. As the weeks go on, we will

continue to have such activities in order to solidify learning.

PARENTS BOARD GAME NIGHT



This month we welcomed all the lovely parents into the nursery for a board game night! We had such a great turn out and enjoyed spending our time getting to know you as people instead of as parents! We love hosting nights that allow the parent-nursery relationship to blossom and extend further than just professional. We enjoyed eating fish & chips and putting our competitive hats on. We look forward to more nights like this!



UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE



Throughout June we have various activities planned with the children. Here is a list of what to watch out for!

- 15th June: Sport 4 Kids (Toddlers, Kindergarten & Preschool): 9:30-11am.
- 16th June: Jo Jingles (Toddler and baby session): 2:30pm.
- 16th June: Preschoolers visit Nursing Home with Jo Jingles (part of the Ambourne Family- 3AB Care)
- 20th June: Jo Jingles (Kindergarten and Preschool session):
- 21st June: Father's Day morning at nursery 9:30-11am.

We are also in talks with a local care home to partner up with to create our very own time capsule to bury memorabilia that will be buried for a few decades. An exciting opportunity to make some history! Once more information is finalised, we will let parents know!



PS as the Weather is now warming, we ask if you can send your child into nursery with appropriate clothing and a sun hat!

Thank you for reading this month's newsletter, we look forward to a new month of fun and activities.

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