



We created an amazing space environment with moon sand . The recipe is just 8 parts flour and 1 part baby oil .



Sunny Days
Children's Nursery

Lyneham Newsletter,
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We are now on
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Dear Parents / Carers

We are really pleased with how well the children have settled in. All the children have now been allocated a key person and they look forward to sharing your child's progress with you at our first key person meeting being held in November.

Friday 11th November – Parents Evening– an informal evening, offering you the opportunity to look through your child's Learning Journal and talk with their key person.

Welcome

This year we would like to take the pre-school children out into the local community to visit the shops, library and wooded areas. Taking children out to explore offers them wonderful experiences and is a great way for the children to learn about their world. In order for these exciting activities to take place regularly we will need helpers. Please let Vicky or Claire know if you would like to go on the parent/carer volunteer list .

Thank you



Applying for a school place

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, they are due to start school in September 2016. The deadline for applying for a school place is 15 January 2017.

There is no automatic entry from a nursery into a school and there is no automatic offer of a place for a brother or sister.

You can apply online or download a paper application from

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools

Half Term

24th Oct -28th October

Holiday Club Calne– spaces available

Times:8.30-5.30pm. Contact Sian or Tracey on 01249 818824 for more details



Stories of the Month

This Month we will be linking our stories with Autumn and reading 'Pumpkin Soup' by Helen Cooper. The children have also loved reading 'Incy Wincy spider' by Keith Chapman & Jack Tickle. We have enjoyed looking at the friends he meets on his travels and talking about the different sounds they make. We will be looking for signs of spiders both in and outside and of course singing Incy Wincy Spider. Please feel free to ask to borrow the story sack or enjoy searching for signs of spider journeys at home!



Outdoor Clothing

The weather is starting to change and it will soon be time for hats, gloves and warm coats. We go out in all weathers so please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outdoors.

Letter and Sounds is a National Strategy aimed at supporting children's reading and spelling skills. At pre-school we focus on Phase One and over the school year we plan regular activities to support the 7 different aspects through child and adult led activities.

Each aspect is divided into 3 strands and develops children's ability to:

- Listen to sounds
- Talk about sounds
- Listen and remember

This terms aspect is **Environmental** sounds and aims to develop children's listening and awareness of sounds in the environment.

Why not try a listening walk together at home? Encourage your child to stop and listen and then when you get home record in words or pictures the things you heard together. It's surprising how many things you hear when you are really listening.

In the setting we are encouraging the children to explore the outdoor area and discover how different sounds are made by tapping or stroking with their beaters. We are asking the children to demonstrate their favourite sound for the rest of group. Perhaps you could try this at home and let us know what your favourite was.



Taking time to respond – Top tips for talking (Wiltshire Council)
How you can help – When you have asked your child a question try counting to ten in your head before expecting an answer.
Why? - Because children need extra time to process the sounds and words they hear.
So try to – Give your child more thinking time. Slow down your speech

Recipe of the month Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients

1.5kg pumpkin peeled and chopped
 4 teaspoons oil
 1 onion
 1 tablespoon grated ginger
 3-4 tablespoons Thai red curry paste
 400ml coconut milk
 850ml vegetable stock

Exploring with your child Children will love helping to scoop out the pumpkin and with a child safety knife and help to chop up the pumpkin.

Method Heat oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6.

Roast the pumpkin with half the oil for 30 minutes, until golden and tender.

Put the remaining oil in a pan with the onion and ginger, cook for 8-10 minutes, until softened.

Stir in the curry paste for 1 minute, followed by the roasted pumpkin, all but 3 tablespoons of the coconut milk and the stock. Bring to a simmer, cook for 5 minutes. Cool for a few minutes, then mix until smooth with a hand blender, or in a large blender in batches. Season with salt and pepper. Serve drizzled with the coconut milk

Rhyme of the Month

Zoom, Zoom ,Zoom

We're going to the moon

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

We'll get there very soon

5,4,3,2,1 blast off !