



WE HAVE BEEN PRACTICING OUR SIGNS
THIS IS THE SIGN FOR MORE

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2016! We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed some time with your families!

We welcome to our new friends to Lickhill Road

This month we welcome lots of new babies and children. We are looking forward to getting to know you all and hope that you settle well!

Welcome to their parents too. If you have any questions please just ask your child's Key Person or Tracey.

Danielle will be moving up to the Pre-school with the children from her room, this will offer them some continuity and support a smoother transition for the group!

Makaton sign language

We have always used simple signs to support the children's language development, now we will be using this more and more with the children.

This month our signs will be 'hello' and 'walking'. This will help them greet one another and help the children stay safe whilst out and about!

Please look in your child's tray and in the nursery for the signs we will be learning and how to use them. Remember always sign and say!

Story and Rhyme of the



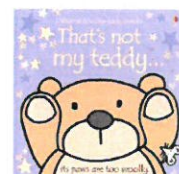
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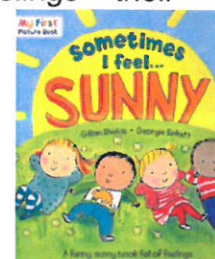
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The story in the Poppies room will be a very popular 'That's not my teddy' which encourages the babies and younger children to touch, feel and explore various textures.

They will be singing 'round and round the garden' as they will be hoping for some dryer weather to be able to explore the garden as we move into the New Year.



The Tulips room will be focusing on feelings – their book will be 'Sometimes I feel... SUNNY'.



The rhyme is 'If your happy and you know it.'

Newsletter by email

Most of our newsletters are being emailed out this month. Thank you to everyone who has requested this. If you would like one please make sure that we have your email address. There will be 10 printed off in the nursery.

Half Term

Our last day of term will be Friday 12th February. We have one week off and return Monday 22nd February.

Attendance/Illness

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent – all children's attendance will now be recorded and monitored as part of our Ofsted requirements

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Outdoor Clothing

It's the time for hats, gloves and warm coats. We go out in all weathers. Please make sure that your child has appropriate clothing for outdoors!

Happy Birthday!!!

★ Mia 2nd ★
 Maisie 6th
 Marissa 12th
 Charlotte 21st
 Daniel 23rd
 Ava-Mai 25th
 Alfie 27th
 Justin 28th

We are still collecting – help please!

We are collecting the following items:

- Nests of boxes or tins
- Gift bags
- Wide necked plastic bottles
- Jar lids
- Ribbons
- Colanders
- Coasters
- Wallets or purses
- Woollen pompoms
- Lengths of fabric – silk or lace
- Bunches or single keys
- Flower pots

Homemade play dough

- 1 cup of flour (whatever kind you have on hand)
- ¼ cup of salt
- ½ cup of water
- 3 to 5 drops of natural food colouring

Step 1: Mix together the flour and the salt.

Step 2: Mix together ½ cup of warm water with a few drops of food coloring.

Step 3: Slowly pour the water into the flour mixture, stirring as you pour. Stir until combined, then knead with your hands until the flour is completely absorbed. If the dough is too sticky, add more flour until it doesn't stick at all.

Most children love to get involved in sensory play and it is so beneficial. They'll enjoy playing with the homemade play dough, especially if you join in too, but they'll want a few toys to play with, especially those that make marks.

Some of the things we give the children to use with their play dough are:

- Kitchen utensils
- Rolling pins
- Cookie cutters
- Mason jar rings
- Biscuit cutters