

DONKEY FIELD NEWS

Welcome to our termly newsletter, January 2021

The children have been engaging in activities related to transport, space and planets.

The learning objective of these activities will enable the children to have a clearer understanding of the world around them. They will be learning about each planet's characteristics, including size, colour and if they are hot or cold.



We will be reading the Aliens love Underpants, Come to Tea at Planet Zum Zee and The dinosaur that Pooped a Planet.

In addition, we have been discussing seasons, and how the environment changes.

Within our themes, we continue to link the learning to mathematical development, phonetic sounds and learning in all other areas through play.

Term Dates
for your
Diary

Winter 2021

This half term we will close on the 12th February and re open on Monday 22nd February.

Staff inset training day

Wed 3rd PM session.

All term dates are on our website under information, Facebook and on the notice board.

Next full child development reports will commence by first week of April 2021.

Registered charity no.:
1035097

Help Needed

If anyone would like to help with fundraising or become an active part of the main officer's role within the committee, please speak with a member of staff.

We are at present looking for a treasurer and secretary.

Your help is vital to support fundraising, to enable the charity to provide resources and trips.

Your time and ideas are important to us.



Fundraising Dates

Our planned fundraising has had to be cancelled for the second time due to COVID-19. If you have any creative ways we can raise money, please contact us.

Thank you for supporting our online raffle, cookbook, photos and Christmas card orders.

Ideas for this year so far are... [Amazon Wish List](#), [donate your Coop points](#) and [online quiz](#). More details to follow.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

During COVID-19, we politely request parents/carer continue to wear face masks at drop off and pick up as this assists with limiting infection. Please continue with social distancing, and not gathering in groups outside the school premises, thank you.

Helpful websites

www.gov.uk/publications/stayingathome www.publichealthengland.gov.uk

www.pinterest.co.uk for home learning ideas Youtube cosmic kids yoga

www.westsussex.gov.uk can also be useful for any free funding questions you may have.

Donkey Field Home learning

During lockdown, it has been difficult to keep the little ones busy.

We hope you have enjoyed the home learning ideas on our FB and tapestry?

Here are a few more ideas...

Write dance/ finger gym to help build hand muscles for writing.
Dough dance on Youtube.

If you would like any information regarding this, please speak to a member of staff via your tapestry account.



Company Funding

Many companies have a company funding program where colleagues can increase a fundraising/sponsored event total by matching (usually up to a set annual limit) to the total. Please do remember to check your Corporate Responsibility policy at work and let us know if you could help us increase our funding in future.

If you would like a copy of the Privacy Notice, please contact us at info@donkeyfield.co.uk or via telephone on 01342 717877. Please feel free to speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.

Language and Literacy

Language and literacy are major domains of early childhood development. Learning to understand, develop language and social communication to support expression of ideas, feelings and building relationships with others.

Rhyme time and music is a great way to extend language, alongside phonetic sounds.

Try Sound of Sound and Jolly Phonics on Youtube.

In addition, role play assists the development of language and the foundations of literacy. Our favourite books are Gruffalo, Winnie the Witch and Harry's dinosaur books.

Try making a book to encourage mark making, sharing ideas and pencil control.

FUN ACTIVITY

Shaving Foam Planet Play

Make textured marbled pictures using shaving foam and paint.
A great fun craft activity, which children will love.

You will need.....

White shaving foam

Paint

Something to mix with

PVA glue

Squirt some shaving foam into a container, add a few drops of paint or food colouring and a little PVA glue.



Parent Helpers

As you are aware we are a charity run pre-school, working very hard to provide an excellent curriculum for the children.

With extra help from parent or grandparents, we can ensure the sustainability for outings within the local area and planned days out to the library etc.

If you are interested in helping on an ad hoc bases, please speak to Coral or Maria as we appreciate your time, and we would like to continue parent helpers once we are back to normal. If you have DIY skills and can offer help, please let us know.

New uniform

For new orders, please use your child's initials and uniform as a reference when paying BACS, thank you.

Red book bags with the, The Donkey Field Pre-School logo are also available at a cost of £5 each.

Second hand uniform

From time to time, we have a stock of second hand uniform which has been donated by parents for re-sale.

All proceeds of these sales go to the pre-school to pay for extra resources. Please contact us if you are interested in purchasing any uniform.

If you have finished with any uniform, and would like to donate, please make sure it is in a clean, resalable condition and hand into the pre-school.

Committee

Current Management Committee Officers:

Rachel Mears - Chair
James Wickerson - Vice Chair
Pam Packham - Treasurer
Amy Chapman - Secretary

The fundraising committee are responsible for organising fundraising events that take place throughout the year. If you would like to join the committee or help at a fundraising event please contact Rachel Mears (Chair) or Coral (Manager).

"From us all, stay safe and healthy, follow the rules and save lives".

Keep In Touch

Keep up to date by joining our Facebook group and visiting our Website, and your tapestry, which are regularly updated with important dates and information.

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