



Brock House Nursery

Late Spring & Early Summer Newsletter 2024

Now that spring has arrived, and hopefully summer is on its way, we can look forward to warmer weather and longer days. This is always an exciting time with lots of fun outdoor activities and more time in the garden.

The children always look forward to planning the vegetable patch, deciding what type of seeds to plant, digging up all the weeds and deciding what vegetables they will be planting. They learn the responsibility of watering them daily and enjoy watching them grow and, fingers crossed, hopefully produce some vegetables.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the nursery is getting a makeover. This has already begun and is slowly changing the inside of the nursery, but to cause as little disruption as possible, the decorating only takes place over the weekends, so it will take a few months to complete the works.



Reminders

- If you need to change your child's attendance, please remember that we do need a whole term's notice and that this request must be made in writing, as per our terms and conditions.
- If your child is unable to attend nursery, due to holidays or illness, please can you inform the nursery at your earliest convenience.
- At this time of the year many of us have planned and booked our holidays. If you are taking your child out of nursery during the summer period 24th July – 30th August, please fill out a holiday slip, or email the administration team and you will be able to qualify for the two-week 50% holiday discount.
- With all the excitement of the summer coming, it is easy to forget it is also a very sad time as we know that we have to say goodbye to a lot of our bigger children. You will shortly be finding out what big school your child will be attending, and we are aware that some of the schools stagger their intake at the beginning of the Autumn term. With this in mind, could you please let us know your child's leaving date as soon as possible.

Illness

As I am sure you are all aware, we have had a lot of sickness this year. Please can you make sure your children are fully recovered before returning to Nursery; this helps reduce the risk of it spreading through the nursery and the possibility of your child being reinfected.



We do everything we can at nursery to reduce the risk of sickness with a thorough daily cleaning schedule and we insist the staff themselves do not attend if they are unwell.

Toys

We do ask that children do not bring their own toys into nursery; this is purely because we would hate for them to be lost or mislaid and cause your child any upset. However, comforters are allowed.



FUN THINGS

Mother's Day Tea

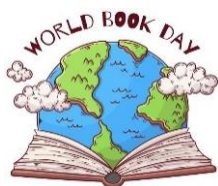
Thank you to all the mums who were able to come to our Mother's Day Tea, we had a lovely time sharing this special day with you. It is always very thrilling for the children to have a day when they can show off their nursery to their mummies and make them some beautiful cards and gifts.



A big thank you to Dawn for making all the delicious cakes!

World Book Day

Our World Book Day was a roaring success, and it was marvellous to see the children all dressed up as their favourite characters. The children and the staff had so much fun spending the day looking at lots of books and listening to our favourite stories being read.



Easter Egg Hunt

No spring term would be complete without our Easter Egg Hunt! Although the children are so clever at finding them and we have to try harder each year to find new hiding places, they enjoyed searching for their eggs. But I am sure that they enjoyed eating them much more!



Spring Concert

We cordially invite you to our Spring Concert on Tuesday, 23rd April. The children have already started rehearsals for their performance and are excited to be able to share this with you. It will take place at SS Alban & Stephen Catholic Church; the doors will be open from 1.30 pm.

If any parent can help walk the children down to the church hall, the staff would appreciate it. Please let a member of staff know if you can help.

Nursery Parents Evening

Nursery children's Parent Evening will be held on Wednesday, 22nd May. Your child's key worker will be letting you know the times available shortly. If you are unable to attend, please speak to your child's key worker who can arrange a more convenient time for you.

Nursery Photos

A reminder that nursery photos will be on Tuesday, 21st May, with the Baby Care Photos to follow on Thursday, 23rd May.

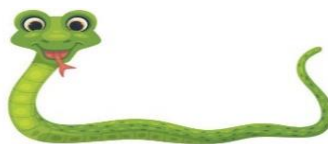


Annual Fun Day – Friday 12th July

We are even more excited about this year's Fun Day - always a great day!

This year we have invited along Safari Pete together with his menagerie of animals for the children to meet and greet.

Further details will be sent out in June.



FOCUS LEARNING

Baby Care

Babies will be having lots of fun during the summer. Amongst some of the things they will be learning are self-help skills; these include feeding themselves and learning to put on their shoes and coats. Alongside the self-help skills, they will be learning about helping with their new siblings, caring for their dollies, feeding them, and looking after them.

They will also be having baking lessons, measuring, mixing and hopefully be able to eat the result.

Little Rainbows

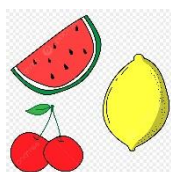
Below is a brief outline of the topic the Little Rainbows will be covering this term:

May - Dinosaurs

The children will be doing lots of fun activities involving dinosaurs: counting how many we can see, sorting them out by size, looking at books, researching how and when dinosaurs lived, making forests and other landscapes using different textured materials, and making dinosaur footprints.....



June - The beginning of Summer



The children will be looking on how we know is the start of the summer, how we can plant seeds, and watch them grow, which fruit and vegetables grow in the summer and not in the winter, how the weather affects plants and growth.

We will also be talking about how to keep safe in the sun and how important protection (like lotion and hats) is when it gets hot.



July - Sea Creatures

For this subject we have lots of different and exciting activities. We will be exploring the great oceans, reading about what creatures live in the sea, what they eat and where they can migrate to. We will be making our own creatures, with different resources, printing and painting and using different textured materials. We will also be turning the tuft tray into a sea.



August - Holidays

We will talk about where we have been and where we are all going on holiday. We will be using an atlas to show the children where the different countries are, and we will be listing the destinations and asking if the children can bring in any snaps of their holidays. We will be discussing whether they went somewhere hot or cold, whether they visited family or friends, and what activities can we all do on holiday.



Bouncy Badgers and Bright Sparks

Listed below are the Topics the older children will be learning each month. If you would like to know more details about any of these subjects your child is learning, please speak to a member of staff.



May 6th - 17th - Julia Donaldson and her stories. We will be learning all about the author, reading and exploring her stories, find out what characters are our favourites.

May 20th - 27th - True Tale Book – This is a subject covering all aspects of how books are made from start to finish, the author writing, the printing, the binding the illustrations, and finally, how they get to the shops so we can buy them.



June 3rd - 14th - Summer – This topic covers all aspects of summer, the weather and how we keep safe in the sun, planting, and gardening, growing and tending to plants and what we enjoy about the summer season.





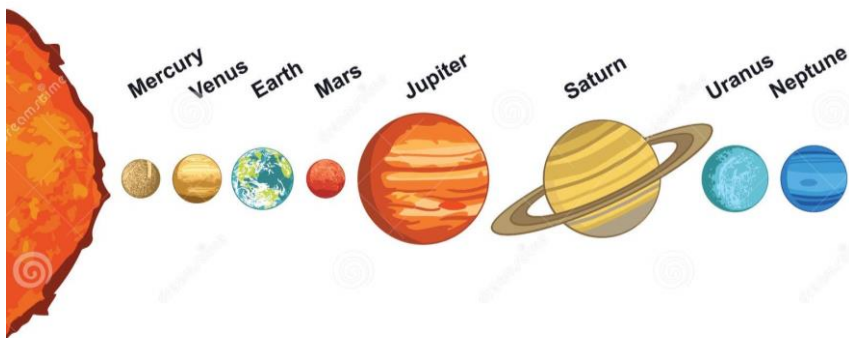
June 17th – 21st - Music - We will be looking at music in general, listening to different genres, exploring the different instruments and how they make their own sound. We will be playing the instruments and hopefully making some music together.

June 24th - 28th - Patterns/Routines – During this we will be looking at how we use patterns on a daily basis, routines and repetitions, recurring events, cleaning teeth, travelling to nursery, breakfast, lunch and dinner, and how these things affect our lives.

July 1st – 5th Holidays & Travel – The children will be looking at what destinations people choose for holidays, what we do when we are holiday, who we go on holiday with, how we travel to our holiday places.

July 8th – 12th Children's Choice Fun Week – This week gives the children a chance to pick their favourite activities, it impresses on them the importance of choosing carefully what themselves and their friends like to play with, organising how to make the activity work and how to clean up and pack away after themselves.

July 15th – 2nd August - Science – During this period, we will be exploring all things spacey. How rockets are made and how we can make our own rockets, we will be exploring the solar system, investigating and experimenting different science facts.



August - School Readiness – This is a time when we encourage the children to prepare for their new big, exciting school. We run through routines with them, we give them the assurances that they are more than ready to explore the next step in their education.

Staffing

We are happy to welcome Emma Ansell to Brock House. Emma is a qualified Level 3 and is based in Little Rainbows.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Concert	Tuesday 23rd April
May Bank Holidays	Monday 6th & Monday 27th May
Nursery Photos	Tuesday 21st May
Nursery - Parents Evening	Wednesday 22nd May
Baby Photos	Thursday 23rd May
Baby Care Parents Evening	Tuesday 11th June
Father's Day Tea	Friday 14th June
Nursery Fun Day	Friday 12th July
August Bank Holiday	Monday 26th August
Leavers' Party	Saturday 21st September
Halloween	Thursday 31st October
Nursery - Parents Evening	Wednesday 27th November
Children in need	TBC
Baby Care – Parents Evening	Thursday 5th December
Christmas Lunch	Thursday 12th December
Children's Christmas Party	Friday 20th December
Nursery Closes on	Tuesday 24th December