



September has been a very busy month for us here at Monkey Puzzle. We have been busy developing our garden as I am sure you have all seen on facebook. The garden is looking amazing with all the new additions. For those of you that have not seen it. We have a new easel, mud kitchen and sand pit in the baby garden. We have had a new shelter built which houses a giant easel, arts and crafts and literacy area. There is a new play house as well as lots of new construction toys. We have even got a car for the children to role play in. The children and staff are really enjoying the new additions to the garden and these new resources will provide so much opportunity for supporting the children's development in all the areas of learning as well as giving them new challenges.

Throughout October we will be celebrating Harvest Festival. There will be a box at each entrance to the nursery for Harvest Festival donations which will be donated to our local food bank. If you would like to donate any food please can it be non perishable products such as tins and can you ensure that they have wipeable surfaces as they will be wiped with antibacterial wipes before they go in the collection box in line with our COVID 19 procedures.

Finally we are looking forward to Halloween and we will be celebrating with a kitten and pumpkin party on Friday 30th October. So if your child is in nursely that day please send them in dressed up as a kitten or a pumpkin. There will be lots of fun Halloween activities as well as a party lunch.

We have had a fabulous September and the children have explored lots of fun and exciting new topics such as the ocean, Autumn and Transport. We are looking forward to a fun filled October!

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Harvest Festival 1st—31st October

Rainbow Day— Wednesday 7th October

Hispanic Day—Monday 12th October

Parent Partnership meeting—Monday 19th October at 1.45pm

Haloween Kittens and Pumpkins party—Friday 30th October



A very big welcome to Harry, Eva, Margot, Tyler, Leon, Odin, Juniper, Jacob, William, Leonardo, Jake and Scarlett to the nursery who join our existing Monkey Puzzle community! We would also like to wish a very happy birthday to Tyler, Finley, Maxley, Charlotte, Finley, Cerys, Jacob N, and Kaja this month.

Like us on Facebook for regular updates on the nursery chance to win in our monthly prize draw!



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10/10 on

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parents/carers who have reviewed our  
nursery!

### Refer a friend

Refer a friend to the nursery and if they register you receive £100 off your next month's fees (T&Cs apply)





## Employee of the Month

**\* Danielle\***

Danielle is a level 3 practitioner and is also the nursery housekeeper. She is a great asset to our team. Danielle's care for the children shines through in her work. She has a great imagination and creates wonderful challenging activities for the children to enjoy. She works really well as part of our team and is always there to help anyone. Well done Danielle!

### September Re-cap

Starfish have enjoyed lots of fun topics in September. We have had a sensory week, this provided the children with lots of opportunities to explore their sense of touch with lots of fun messy play such as shaving foam, water, ice and sand. The children also explored the instruments using their hearing, we explored soft sounds and loud sounds. Transport was a very popular topic with the children. We used cars to develop our mark making skills by dipping them in paint and making tyre tracks. We also had a building yard, using our diggers to transport sand and brightly coloured rice. The children also enjoyed washing the cars in our bubble Starfish car wash. Our next topic that we explored was Oceans and sea creatures. The children absolutely loved the activities surrounding this topic. We played with coloured foamy water that had sea creatures swimming in it. The children made play dough and made shell prints in the play dough as well as in paint. We also had a beach tuff tray with shells and large pebbles. Autumn was our final topic of the month, the children have enjoyed leaf printing, making hedgehogs with pasta and playdough, mark making with sticks and lots more. We have had a great month and we are looking forward to exploring Harvest Festival and Halloween in October!

September has been a great month in the Octopus room. We have been exploring our book of the month "The Selfish Crocodile" we had a themed tuff tray, we have made the animals from the book and made a lovely new display. Along side our book of the month we have also explored other topics such as "Our Family" The children really enjoyed making family portraits and family trees as well as building their houses out of construction resources. We really enjoyed talking about our families and the different people that they all live with. Towards the end of the month we have started to explore Autumn. This has brought lots of fun opportunities to explore mark making and colours and we have enjoyed leaf printing, colour spraying outside. The children really enjoyed making hedgehog models from play dough as well as hedgehog pictures. During our circle times we have been talking about the changes in the weather and what this does to our surroundings, for example changing the colour of the leaves on the trees. We have had a lovely September and we are looking forward to a fabulous October. Well done to all the children for being superstars!

### Important Notes for Parents

- Please check your ParentZone updates regularly and emails from nursery.
- Please could you ensure that your child has slippers at nursery.
- Please check the new parent/carer area on the website which is updated regularly.
- Please ensure all your contact details and your child's emergency contacts are up to date.
- Please remember to provide your children with hats, gloves, rain coats/ winter coats now that the weather is turning colder.

