

WELCOME TO

June 2022

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY EDITION OF MONKEY NEWS

Nursery Manager

The nursery has been very busy throughout May with the staff and children enjoying a wide range of activities around the key themes.

The theme for May was transport which has seen lots of activities on transport to allow children to develop lots of skills, especially around communication.

The month of May also saw the nursery celebrating some festivals and this allowed time for the children to explore the different celebrations such as May day, Eid, and VE day. The whole nursery enjoyed celebrating these special days.

The month of June's theme is 'People who help us'. Which will allow lots of discussions and activities around key people who help to look after us and make sure that we are safe. Which will help develop our children's personal, social and emotion skills by understanding how to keep safe, how to remain healthy, and key people that help to not only keep us safe, but the world safe.

Just a reminder as we are entering the summer months, and the weather is improving that we will be accessing our garden, and outdoor spaces more regularly. It is therefore important that all children are supplied with a bottle of sun cream that will remain at nursery, and suitable clothing is provided such as hats. All of us at Monkey Puzzle want to ensure that your children are kept safe from the sun whilst outside enjoying the garden.

We will be holding our next Parents Evening on 7th June where you will get a chance to meet with your child's keyworker and hear about how your children are progressing and enjoying their early years experiences here at the nursery. Emails have now been sent out with allocated appointment times and we would kindly ask that you rely to let us know if you can or cannot attend.

We have welcomed lots of new families to the nursery in May, we hope you and your children enjoy being part of our nursery family. Our door is always open if you have questions, queries or anything you would like to discuss.

Directors



Welcome to all new children and parents who join our existing Monkey Puzzle community.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to Archie, Victor and Konstantinos who have joined our Monkey Puzzle family this month.



We have had lots of birthdays to celebrate this month across the nursery and we would like to wish a happy birthday to Rosie, Matilda, Anamaria, Ava, Rory, Gianna, Ava May, Beau, Nellie, Tommy and Arthur.



WE WOULD KINDLY ASK ALL PARENTS TO READ AND FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH OUR SICKNESS EXCLUSION AND COVID GUIDANCE INFORMATION ON PAGES 7 AND 8



Staff Birthdays

We would like to say a big Happy Birthday to two of our staff members who have recently celebrated their birthdays, Leanne and Megan.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Theme of the Month for June - People Who Help Us
Book of the Month for June - Zog and the Flying Doctors

2nd & 3rd June - Jubilee Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed

8th June - World Oceans Day

19th June - Fathers Day

25th June - Armed Forces Day

23rd June - National Writing Day

7th June - Parents Evening - Appointments have been sent out
Please reply to let us know if you can attend or not,
admin@monkeypuzzlecolchester.co.uk



STARFISH ROOM

MAY RECAP

This month in Starfish we have been looking at the topic Transport.

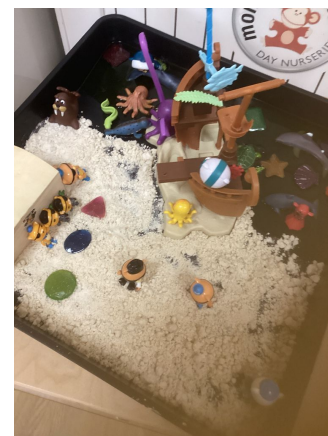
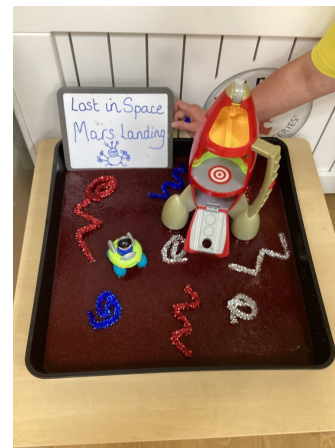
The children have explored a variety of lovely activities around Transport including a Space week and a Sea week.

During Space week we had some lovely sensory activities including a 'Mars attack' using Chia seeds that created a red slimy Mars scene with a rocket and other space vehicles; glittery planets play dough, moulding the dough into planet shapes whilst using the glitter and shape cutters to create stars, moons and aliens and a glittery water spaceship, spotting the spaceship moving around in the water.

As part of Sea week we had an underwater shipwrecked theme using Octonauts, buried jewels and treasure. This encouraged the children to use different tools to dig up the sand and gain control in their fine motor skills whilst holding these tools.

The children also looked at transport that travels in the sky. The children created their very own paper aeroplanes which they used pens and different coloured crayons to make each aeroplane unique and take them out into the garden to fly. They also looked at hot air balloons and even had the opportunity to create their own using paint and paintbrushes. The children also looked at balloons and how they floated through the sky. This particular activity gave the children stimulation as they were always happy and smiling when they saw the balloons.

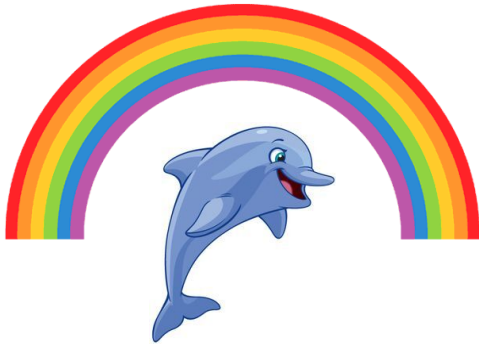
We had lots of fun when we looked at land transport. We built our very own bus out of a cardboard box! The children were able to help the practitioners paint the box red and each child took it in turn to have a go and ride the bus. The children also coloured in pictures of different vehicles such as diggers, trains, cars and buses. This helped the children build up control and good manipulation in finding ways to hold and use the mark making tools. The children had a safari train tuff tray where they could use their hands to move the trains around the track where they could spot different animals and make the noise of the animals as they saw them. The children explored different cereals in our builders yard tuff tray. The children used the diggers and watched as their wheels made marks in the crushed weetabix and also used the different diggers to pick up the cereal.





JUNE RECAP

RAINBOW DOLPHIN ROOM

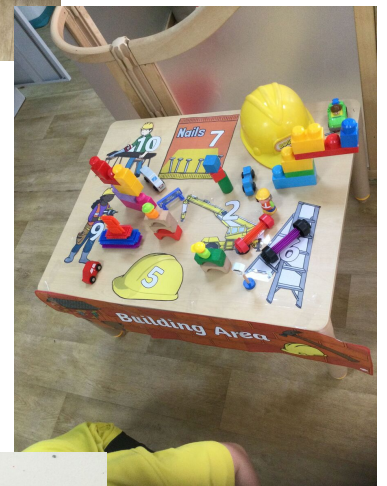
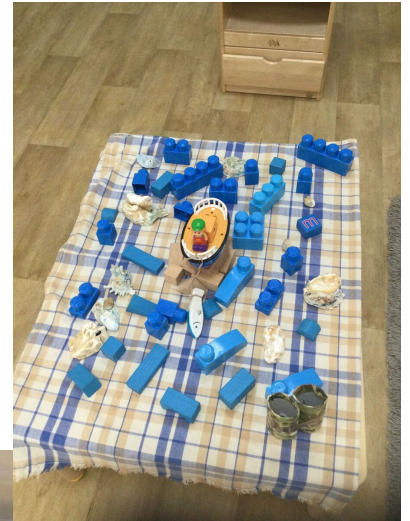


This month in Rainbow Dolphins has been a busy month learning all about the different types of transport. The children have been focusing week by week on a variety of different transportation.

Our most current one we have been learning about is space and rockets. We had lots of fun creating and decorating our very own rockets. One of our favourite activities has been playing with boats as we have been able to link this in with water play on our lovely warm days. With learning about boats we have been able to link this in with sea creatures and the children have loved exploring and learning the names of the different under the sea animals.

The nursery have had a special visit from Jo Jingles, this is a great chance for the children to explore different musical instruments and interactions with sensory play and group games. This has been wonderful for the children in Rainbow dolphins as they really enjoy activities where they can have fun and express themselves.

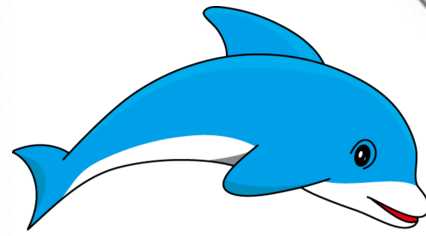
Bob the Builder has been one of the favourites with our Rainbow Dolphin children as we have learnt the names of the transport which are used in construction and been able to play with these toys at nursery using them to scoop up our messy play. We have also had fun dancing and singing along to the Bob the Builder theme song! We plan to carry on having a lovely time throughout June especially where we have some exciting plans to celebrate the Queens Jubilee and hopefully some beautiful summer sunshine.





DOLPHIN ROOM

MAY RECAP



During the month of May the children enjoyed exploring a wide range of topics.

The focus for this month was Air, Land, Sea and Space. The children looked at what you would find there and the different types of transport. We explored this with the children through a range of messy play activities with various colourful materials such as food and craft materials.

Everyone enjoyed role play when looking at the theme of land and transport on land. The children chose which cars and trains they preferred and enjoyed using the various road signs.

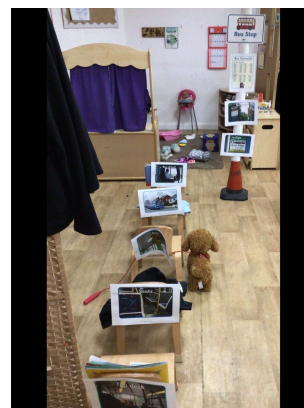
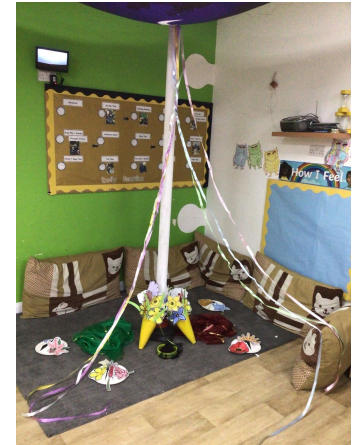
For the topic of air we spent a lot of time outside where the children loved taking turns blowing bubbles.

We celebrated special celebrations such as May Day, Eid and VE Day. On May Day we created a May Pole for the children who helped us put the ribbons on and everyone made some flower bouquets and flower hats to wear when they danced around the May pole out in the garden. The children loved looking at the different types of flowers and picking the ones they liked best. To celebrate Eid the children created moon and star decorations for the room, they looked at various pictures of Eid celebrations which helped them to learn about the culture and festivities. To celebrate VE Day the children crafted paper aeroplanes and had lots of fun flying them around outside.

For literature this month we read 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy, the children had a great time retelling the story through actions and talking about the pictures they observed in the book.

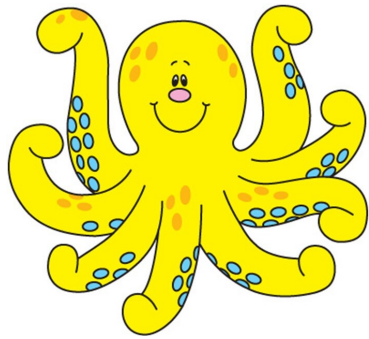
The nursery had a visit from Jo Jingle during the month which the children loved. They had lots of fun singing, playing musical instruments and dancing along to various songs and they had their own placemats during the session.

Next month we will be looking at the topic 'People who help us' and focusing on armed forces, NHS, emergency services and people in the community. We will provide a range of lovely, engaging activities for the children to explore the topic through. We will also be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee, Father's Day and Armed Forces Day.





OCTOPUS ROOM



The children in Octopus have enjoyed exploring a range of activities and information based around transport. Each week the children developed their understanding around a different mode of transport, from boats and transport on the sea, to transport that flies.

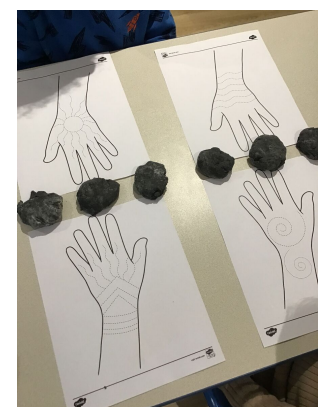
The children took to the skies to begin the exploration of transport by looking at, and talking about transport that flies. The children worked together in groups to create their very own aeroplanes by using chairs and tables. This led them onto creating their own passports, and allowed the development of pencil control, and letter formation. Whilst creating their own passports some of the children wanted to copy their own names, and draw pictures of themselves.

The children especially enjoyed exploring transport themed around space, and took part imaginative play where the home corner transformed into a space ship. This allowed lots of lovely communication and social skills, and allowed the children to create their own stories based around the items that they could see. Whilst exploring space transport the children were able to look at, and discuss the planets, talking about the names of each planet, and also the colours.

Throughout the month of May the children have also celebrated the end of Ramadan by taking part in lots of activities based around Eid. One of the main activities for this was exploring different patterns and shapes and allowed the children to develop their shape and pattern recognition.

Another event that the children celebrated was VE Day, where the children enjoyed creating their very own crowns. The VE Day celebrations didn't end there, with the children taking their afternoon snack outside to have our very own VE Day style picnic. The children finished the VE Day celebration by having a dance party inside and throwing lots of red, white and blue confetti!!

MAY RECAP





REFER A FRIEND

Refer a friend to the nursery and if they register you receive **£100 off of your next month's fees**

(T&C's apply)

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR PARENTS

FACEBOOK PRIZE DRAW

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

www.facebook.com/monkeypuzzlecolchester



- Please check your ParentZone updates and emails from the nursery regularly.
- Please ensure that all of your contact details and your child's emergency contact details are up to date.
- Please check the parent/carer area on the website regularly for updates.
- Please remember to provide your child with a named hat and sun cream now the weather is turning warmer as we will be spending lots of time in our outdoor learning areas.
- Please ensure Starfish, Rainbow Dolphin and Octopus children have slippers at nursery.

DAY NURSERIES

We are proud to be rated 10/10 on daynurseries.co.uk and voted as a Top 20 Day Nursery in the East of England.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have reviewed our nursery!





COVID GUIDANCE

WHAT TO DO IF ...	ACTIONS REQUIRED ...	YOUR CHILD MAY RETURN WHEN ...
... your child has symptoms of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery Inform the nursery Book a PCR test immediately Self-isolate at home 	... there is a negative test result, or they have been advised that they do not need to isolate
... your child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery Inform the nursery self-isolate for 10 days 	... your child feels better, and they have completed 10 days of self-isolation. Some symptoms such as cough and loss of taste/smell can remain even when the infection has gone
... somebody in your child's household has symptoms of COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Household member to book a PCR test immediately Inform the nursery Self-isolate at home Inform nursery of test result 	... your child may attend nursery as they are under the age of 18 years old as long as they are well with no symptoms of COVID-19
... somebody in your child's household has tested positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform the nursery Self-isolate at home for 10 days Book a PCR test for your child 	... your child may attend nursery as they are under the age of 18 years old as long as they are well with no symptoms of COVID-19
... NHS Test & Trace have identified your child as a close contact of someone with confirmed COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery if you have been advised by NHS Test & Trace to self-isolate for 10 days (e.g., if they have come into contact with someone with the Omnicrom variant) Inform the nursery Self-isolate at home for 10 days 	... your child may attend nursery as they are under the age of 18 years old, provided they have not come into contact with someone who has the Omnicrom variant.
... you have received medical advice that your child should shield or should resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery Follow medical advice Inform the nursery 	... you are advised that your child no longer needs to shield
... you have received medical advice that someone in your household should shield or should resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery Contact the nursery manager to discuss any concerns 	... you are advised that the individual no longer needs to shield
... your child has just returned from abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not send your child to nursery until they have taken a PCR test on day 2 after they have returned to the UK Inform the nursery Self-isolate at home for the defined period, this includes whilst you are waiting for their PCR test results. 	... you have completed the defined period of self-isolation; this includes whilst you are waiting for the PCR test results.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home 	... your child has completed 10 days of self-isolation



ILLNESS / INFECTION	EXCLUSION PERIOD
Chicken Pox	Minimum of 5 days from the onset of the rash and all spots must be fully scabbed over before returning to nursery.
Diarrhoea and/or Vomiting	Whilst symptomatic and for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
Hand, Foot and Mouth	All blisters must have dried out before returning to nursery, usually this is after approximately 4-6 days.
Headlice	There is no recommended exclusion period, however, parents are requested to regularly check their children's hair for head lice and we would be grateful if nursery are informed so that other parents can be alerted to check their child's hair.
Impetigo	Until the lesions have crusted or healed.
Measles	Excluded for 4 days from the onset of the rash.
Scarlet Fever	Excluded from nursery for the first 24 hours after starting treatment.
Whooping Cough	Excluded for 2 days after starting treatment, or 21 days from the onset of symptoms if no antibiotics.
Prescribed Medication	Children must be taking any medication for a minimum of 24 hours before coming in to nursery. Medication can only be administered after the 24 hour exclusion even if your child has previously taken the same medication. All medication must be in its original packaging with the prescription label attached and clearly showing child's name.
Immunisations including Flu nasal spray	If your child has had any form of immunisations, including the Flu nasal spray, they are not permitted to attend nursery for the following 24 hours due to possible allergic reactions.
Infant Suspension - Calpol	If a child develops a fever whilst at nursery the staff will use natural methods first, such as removing clothing, to try and reduce the temperature while closely monitoring the child and contacting the parents. If a child does require emergency Calpol due to a high temperature of 38 degrees or above the parents will be contacted prior to ensure all details are correct and that they agree with the dosage being given. Parents will then be required to collect their child.