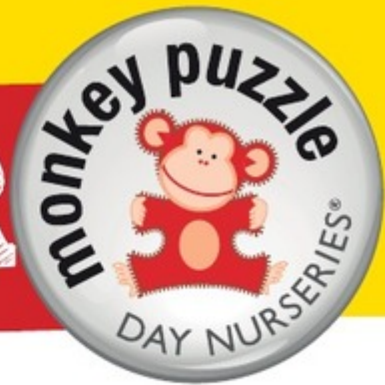


WELCOME TO

May 2022

NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY EDITION OF MONKEY NEWS

Nursery Manager

The nursery has been very busy over the last month and we have all enjoyed lots of lovely Easter activities, along with St George's Day and Ramadan. The children have really enjoyed themselves and made some lovely craft that they taken home to share with you.

We were excited to begin to hear which schools our August leavers have secured places at and would kindly ask that you contact us with this information if you have not done so already. Our school readiness area within Octopus room supports the children with school transitions and we will shortly begin to hear from the schools to arrange visits for the reception teachers to meet the children that they will be teaching in September.

The nursery staff would all like to say a big thank you to Sandy and Manjit for their lovely Easter Gift Bags and Easter Eggs that they received from them.

Next month at Monkey Puzzle we are going to be extremely busy again enjoying the transport theme across the nursery. There are already lots of exciting early years experiences and activities planned that the children will have access to each day.

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. More information about this will be communicated in the coming weeks.

We have welcomed lots of new families to the nursery in April, 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 Isla, Evelyn, Beau, Frederick, Nyla, Sophie, Felix, Nathan, Nellie, Tommy, Evie and Teddy 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 once again wish a happy birthday to William, Felix, Arlo, Logan, Shanvi, Olivia, Stanley, Edmund, Arthur, Henry, Aprameya, Eloise, Felix, Amelia, Thomas, Grace and Taraoluwa.



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 three of our staff members who have recently celebrated their birthdays, Cathy, Chris and Charlotte.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Theme of the Month for May - Transport
Book of the Month for May - Whatever Next by Jill Murphy

1st May - May Day

2nd - 3rd May - Eid al-Fitr

12th May - International Nurses Day

18th May - National Numeracy Day

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

7th June - Parents Evening - More information to follow



STARFISH ROOM

APRIL RECAP

This month in Starfish we have explored a range of topics such as Easter, Spring, Weather and Farm Animals. We have also celebrated different events such as Ramadan, Easter and St. George's Day.

For Easter the children went on an Easter egg hunt in the garden. With the help from Danni who hid the eggs the children were able to seek out the different colours and put them in the baskets provided. The children also had a range of tuff trays set up to help with the Easter festivities. One tuff tray was full of different coloured shredded paper and there was also little chicks and eggs for the children to feel the textures and look at the colours.

The topic Spring was looked at by Starfish in range of different ways. The children looked at baby animals being born in the spring such as lambs and chicks. We explored this by using flash cards of the baby animals and having tuff tray activities set up like we were on a farm. We also had a teddy bears picnic where each child chose a teddy and brought it over to the picnic cloth and used the role play food to feed our teddy's.

We celebrated special celebrations such as Ramadan and St. George's day. For Ramadan we had one of our lovely practitioners explain to us what Ramadan is and how and why we take part and celebrate.

With St. George's day the children created their very own St. George's flag and took part in a range of activities that fitted in with this special day.

What a busy month we had!

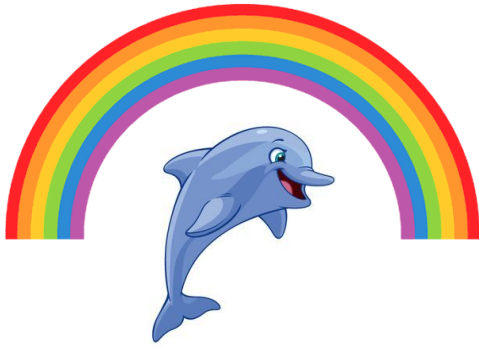
Next month we are looking forward to lots of fun themed around Transport. Air, Land, Sea and Space gives us endless opportunities to learn through our play.





APRIL RECAP

RAINBOW DOLPHIN ROOM



In Rainbow Dolphins this month we have been focusing on Spring and Easter.

The children have enjoyed learning about Spring and we have been focusing on lots of fun Spring messy play such as exploring gloop with the farm animals and learning the different names.

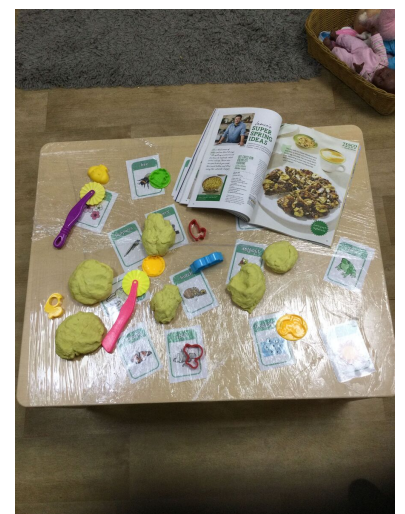
The children in Rainbow Dolphins have also had the chance to watch their very own caterpillars turn into butterflies.

We had lots of fun watching them grow and then releasing them watching them fly away.

We have also been creating some lovely Easter crafts and activities, one of the favourite activities with the children was making some yummy chocolate cornflake cakes.

The children loved taking part in an Easter egg hunt in the garden and we were able to focus on our mathematical skills counting how many eggs we had collected outside.

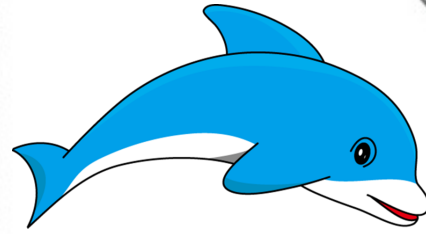
April has been a great month for learning new things and exploring new activities, we are looking forward to what the month of May will bring for our Rainbow Dolphin children where we will be learning about different types of Transport.





DOLPHIN ROOM

APRIL RECAP



This month in Dolphins we have had lots of lovely learning experiences with our caterpillars turning into cocoons and then hatching out into beautiful butterflies. We then also said our goodbyes and released our butterflies, watching them fly away.

We also enjoyed playing with the farm animals and making farm animal sounds, we talked about what the different animals eat.

Our Easter celebrations were great fun and we enjoyed sticking and making Easter cards.

We talked about the Easter Bunny, and loved singing Hop Little Bunnies, while we also pretended to be bunnies jumping and hopping around.

We have also been looking at the plants that we planted last month and how they have begun to grow. The children watered the plants and talked about the sunshine and the water making them grow.

We also spoke about the weather and being hot when the sun is shining, and cold when the wind is blowing.

We also celebrated St George's Day by colouring in pictures of St George.

When we were in the garden we had fun with bug hunts, looking for the different bugs that live out there. We found lots of baby spiders, and a mummy spider.

We also enjoyed making moon sand and made our own beach scene using shells. We painted the shells different colours to make them look like rocks.

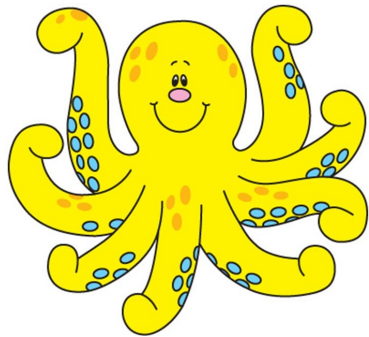
We have been practicing our hand eye coordination by copying over the printed lines on numbers and our ABC.

We also looked at how we clean our teeth, using the teeth we made from the bottom of bottles, using toothbrushes and toothpaste. We read a book about going to the dentist. What food is good for your teeth and what is bad for your teeth.





OCTOPUS ROOM



This month in Octopus the children have enjoyed looking at and exploring a wide range of topics. April has been a time of exploring seasons, and what each season looks and feels like, with the main season discussed being Spring.

The children enjoyed looking at pictures and small clips on Ramadan which helped us to gain an understanding around the festival and the culture.

This was carried on by using chalks and bright colours to design our own patterns, and some of us even enjoyed choosing pictures to colour.

The children have enjoyed taking part in a wide range of Easter activities, and especially enjoyed the Easter egg hunt where the children searched the room for the different numbered Easter eggs. This allowed them to develop their number recognition skills, and helped to develop counting skills.

Easter allowed us to also look at life cycles and the children have been looking at and discussing the life cycles of both chicks and insects. The children created their very own nests for the pretend chicks and developed a wide range of communication and thinning skills.

APRIL 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.