Jolly Pirates Pre-School Newsletter

May 2021

Welcome to our newsletter for the month of May.

Important dates this month.
May Day closure – Monday 3rd May.

Bank holiday closure – Monday 31st May.

Where to access information.
Up to date information will be communicated via seesaw app, Facebook, news section of the website and on our noticeboard.
Parents have responsibility to check these regularly throughout the month for updates.
Jolly Pirates staff are here at any time if you would like to speak to us. Please contact us and we will get back to you as soon as possible before or after sessions.

What is our learning project?
This month we will be exploring 'the way we were/ the way the world was.' The children and staff will be exploring our outdoor environment and some traditional games. We will be researching and continuing to discuss life cycles, this time focused on our growth. What were we like when we were a baby?
We will explore what way the world was e.g., extinct animals and old-fashioned clothing and activities through the ages/traditions from olden days.

What activities might we explore?
During May, the children will be able to explore traditional games played over the years e.g., tiddly winks, can't cross the red sea. We will be exploring extinct animals e.g., dinosaurs. Linking this in with heavy and light we will be exploring weight on our classroom scales using the weights but also objects from around the classroom.
Looking at our growth we will explore self portraits and provide opportunities to make comparisons to when we were babies. Exploring our shadows and the continuing weather change in our outdoor environments.

What might we sing or read?
Due to Covid-19 guidance we are currently not allowed to sing indoors. We will explore May's songs and rhymes (see song and rhyme sheet) in our outdoor environment.
In the indoor environment we will do some of our rhymes and songs in a talking manner. The children will also have the opportunity to suggest songs they would like to explore.
Our rhyme and song sheet is available to download from our website and is uploaded on seesaw.
This month we will read stories relating to babies growing, dinosaurs and the children's choice of stories.

Additional activities planned?
Due to Covid-19 we are still not permitted to have any school trips off the premises.

We will be exploring some interactive ICT drama and movement in class.

What skills are we focussing on?
This month we will be continuing to focus on encouraging the children's sense of independence. We will also focus on empathy towards others and demonstrating kindness. Sharing and turn taking with peers through group games both indoors and outdoors. Continuing to practice doing our zips independently and recognising names. The May plans highlight the skills within the 6 areas.

Home activity ideas:
Throughout the month we will also be sending home our Jolly Pirates red activity bags. We appreciate if you return these promptly on the date requested as we rotate the activity packs to provide all children a turn with the resources. We will send the date and information home to you via seesaw. We also appreciate the careful use of the activity packs and we would appreciate if they could be returned in good condition and that parents/guardians supervise the use of the packs at home to ensure that resources do not get damaged or lost. Thank you.
There are home learning ideas to support your child in the six areas of learning as discussed on our May 2021 plans. These are available to view on seesaw and on our website.

Additional information:
Sickness: please phone Jolly Pirates on 02892 670988, email info@jollypiratespreschool.co.uk or send a message on seesaw to alert staff to your child being off due to sickness. This would be greatly appreciated.

Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled and spare clothes bag clearly labelled. Please ensure a coat and bag comes to pre-school each day.

Any extended family members or childminders, who may be collecting children, will need ***photographic I.D.*** if they have not attended for a collection before. Staff must be informed the morning off collection or ahead of time that there will be someone other than parents collecting.