



March 2024

Welcome to our newsletter.

Important dates this month.

3+ Review – dates on Famly app.
World Book Day – 7/3/24
Poppin Pilates – 11/3/24
St Patrick's Day closure – Monday 18th
March.
Easter party – 22/4/24
Staff development closure – 25/3/24
Easter holidays – 26/3/24 to 5/4/24
inclusive.

Where to access information.

Up to date information will be communicated via Famly app, Facebook, news section of the website and on our noticeboard. Parents are encouraged to check 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?

Our learning project this month is 'what is nature?' Through this project we may explore activities based around flowers, lifecycles, outdoors, trees, growth, and animals. These ideas will continue to develop throughout the month with input from the children and opportunity for spontaneous learning. Over the course of the month, we will also be exploring the weather and discussing what the children observe. We will continue to look at springtime changes e.g., brighter days. This month we will also explore World Book Day and favourite stories. We will role play and engage in drama activities around our favourite stories.

What activities might we explore?

The children will have the opportunity to explore natural materials such as sticks, shells, flowers and leaves will be available to the children through a variety of activities including painting and table top. The children will have the opportunity to explore natural materials alongside sensory play. We will explore the children's suggestions of different animals including baby animals. Through the different outdoor environments, we will have the opportunity to explore nature elements, including the weather, different outdoor nature items and planting. We will also be growing some exciting living creatures in the classroom.

What might we sing or read? We will have the opportunity to sing songs relating to nature aspects such as the rainbow song, animal number rhymes (e.g., 5 little speckled frogs) and the children can suggest songs during song and music time. The children will have the opportunity to explore a wide range of books relating to the children's suggestions for the project. Some of these will include 'the hungry caterpillar' and 'the little red hen'. As we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March the children will have the opportunity to bring in their favourite books to share with peers.

Our rhyme and song sheet is available to download from our website and is uploaded on Family.

Additional activities planned?

World Book Day – 7/3/2024 – bring your favourite book to pre-school.

Poppin Pilates – 11/3/2024 another visit from Poppin Pilates focusing on dance, movement and developing physical skills.

Easter party – 22/4/2024 children can wear their own clothing on this day. We will be having lots of fun Easter activities/games.

What skills are we focussing on? This month we will be encouraging the children to develop a further sense of curiosity and exploration. We will encourage them to use their observational skills. In addition, at the snack area, children will have the opportunity to continue to build more independence skills through the preparation of snack and counting pieces of food. Throughout the environment we will provide opportunities to enhance name recognition skills. Encouraging children to be able to recognise their own name.

Home activity ideas:

We would love to see some photos from home of exploring nature – this could be at a local park, on a farm trip, with your pet or a plant that is growing in your house or garden. We will add these to our display in the classroom. We would also love to see photos of the children being independent at home e.g., pouring their own drink.

Please email photos to info@jollypiratespreschool.co.uk

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.

Any extended family members or childminders, who may be collecting children, will need **photographic I.D.** Staff must be informed the morning of collection or ahead of time that there will be someone other than parents collecting.