

Welcome to Poppins Day Nursery Winter newsletter. As we approach a very busy term, we will start with some important dates for your diary.:

Tuesday 4th January - Nursery reopens at 7:30am

Monday 10th January - Spring term begins/ Nursery Educational Funding

(NEF) recommences.

Tuesday 1st February - Chinese New Year.

Monday 14th February - Valentine's Day.

W/C 21st February - Half term - No Nursery Educational

Funding this week

Tuesday 1st March - Pancake Day and St David's Day

W/C 14th March - Oral health week.

Thursday 17th March - St Patrick's day

Sunday 27th March - Mother's day

Friday 1st April - Nursery Educational Funding ends.



Parents/Carers! Your child is truly amazing and throughout your child's life they will make some mighty significant steps on their journey of development. Together we would like to show the children how proud we all are of these moments and celebrate their individual achievements. These are what we call at nursery our Proud Cloud moments. So, if outside of nursery your child has perhaps tried something new for the first time (food, drink, standing, walking, talking, using the potty), or maybe enjoyed a trip or activity, please upload a photo to us via the blossom app. By doing this your child's key worker is then able to add this to your child's learning journey and use this as an interest for them to achieve and enhance their learning here at nursery. **EYFS - it is important for parents and early years settings to have a strong and respectful partnership. This sets the scene for children to thrive in the early years.**



Holidays and Absences - Although nursery attendance is not statutory, it is important for parents/carers to report their child's absence to nursery on the first day. Nursery has to follow guidelines set out by the local authority regarding the regular attendance of all children. Please report all absences on our landline number 01543 493433.



Appropriate clothing - with British weather, we all know we can experience all seasons in one day and we understand how tricky it can be! We would appreciate you planning for that and trying to provide clothing suitable for the day. Even if it seems warm all children need a coat or jacket for the garden and if possible, welly boots when it is wet. Baby room has asked for hats and shoes every day for the babies, even those who are not yet walking to give them the opportunity to cruise along in the garden/ride on the wheeled toys. Thank you.



Chinese New Year - Tuesday 1st February

Throughout the nursery we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. We will do this by providing the children with a range of activities such as play with noodles and chop sticks, explore making marks like Chinese number symbols, learn about the different zodiacs and many more. On this day children will also have the opportunity to try different Chinese foods, sweet and sour chicken spring rolls, prawn crackers and plenty more.



Valentines day - Monday 14th February

Wear red day!

Roses are red, violets are blue, can you guess how much I love you. We will be busy creating our Valentines day cards for our loved ones, along with a special gift. They will explore all things red and creating crafts to show all our love.



Pancake day - Tuesday 1st March

Mix a pancake, stir a pancake, pop it in the pan,

Fry the pancake, toss the pancake, catch it if you can!

Children will have the opportunity to try pancakes on Shrove Tuesday with a topping of their choice.



St David's Day - Tuesday 1st March

On this day we will celebrate the patron saint of Wales, with a range of activities and explore the facts of St David's Day. We will create our own daffodils and even have a treat as we taste the famous Welsh cakes.



Oral Health Week - Week Commencing 14th March

During the Early Years Foundation Stage, a child's first experience with oral health can impact on the rest of their life. That's why it's so important to teach them about their mouth. Helping children develop healthy habits to care for their teeth while they are young is important. These habits can set the stage for good oral health care throughout their entire life. They can avoid many of the problems that result from poor oral health, including gum disease, cavities and tooth decay.



Dental buddy is a programme that provides educational resources for Early Years Education, Dental Buddy's messages for children are simple: Brush your teeth for two minutes twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste.



St Patricks Day - Thursday 17th March

The colour green is often seen during St. Patrick's Day celebrations. It is seen as the colour of Ireland.

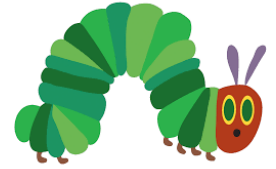
We will explore St Patricks Day by learning about Ireland through a range of different activities and even have a go at some Irish dancing!



Mother's Day - Sunday 27th March

We will be celebrating Mother's Day by making our mummy's/carers something special to show how much we love them. We will explore the story of 'guess how much I love you' and all the different ways we can share our love and to say thank you for all that you do for us.

News from the rooms.....



Caterpillars

Welcome to all our new babies, parents and carers. We understand this is a daunting time for you all and a new adventure in your baby's life, we are here to help you with any questions you may have, to make this transition into baby room as smooth as possible.

Some babies adapt well in a new environment and others may take some time to settle in, please do not worry too much as your baby will have formed a strong bond with you as parents and will need time to adjust. We will be helping them to settle right in with lots of nurturing care and attention along with fun activities.

EYFS - PSE - 0-3 years - find ways to calm themselves, through being calmed and comforted by their key person.

In January babies will be exploring Winter as they take a step into Antarctica, this will give the babies opportunities to get messy as they create their own snowflakes and explore winter with snow and ice play. Babies will explore a winter treasure basket as well as different sensory items which babies can use all their sense to explore. Treasure baskets are a great way to develop holistic development and can easily be created at home too!! Feel free to ask a member of staff for any ideas. Babies will also be given the opportunity to explore first hand experiences in snow and animals we may see in Antarctica.

EYFS - UW - 0-3 years - explore materials with different properties.

EYFS - UW - 0-3 years - explore natural materials, indoors and outdoors.

February will soon be approaching us, in this month babies will explore several different celebrations, we will be using items to create different prints and also explore food to find out their personal likes and dislikes to the different foods. Within this month babies will be celebrating Chinese New Year where they will be making paintings to create Chinese lanterns. Our younger babies will explore a Chinese themed treasure basket with a range of sensory items, keep your eyes peeled for photos on blossom!

EYFS - EAD - 0-3 years - explore paint, using fingers and other parts of their bodies as well as brushes and other tools.

March is the month for creativity! Babies will be getting messy as they create their Mother's Day crafts. This month also consists of Pancake day where we will be tasting some delicious pancakes with a range of toppings. Within this month babies will also be celebrating St David's Day by creating their own daffodils and will explore some tasty Welsh cakes. We will also be exploring St Patrick's Day with green treasure baskets and decorating our very own leprechauns.

EYFS - EAD - 0-3 years - explore different materials, using all their senses to investigate them. Manipulate and play with different materials.

Butterflies

Firstly, a big warm welcome to all our new butterflies, we hope you have lots of fun during your stay with us. We hope that our Butterflies that have recently moved into the ladybird room will be having lots of fun as they continue their journey.



This term we are encouraging children to settle into and explore the butterfly room and their new environment, to make relationships with their key worker and other children. The butterfly room encourages and supports children to get to know routines and expectations within the room such as where things are kept, to put toys away safely and to play in a safe environment. It enables children to join in and play with each other and their key person where they can explore both indoors and outdoors in all weathers! The butterfly room gives children the opportunity to become independent in personal care such as dressing/undressing, feeding/drinking, toileting and handwashing.

EYFS - PD - 0-3 years - show an increasing desire to be independent, such as wanting to feed themselves and dress or undress.

In January, the butterfly room will be looking closely at Winter as the season begins to change, they will be creating their own footprints as we explore snow and the different textures as well as talking about the different types of weather in winter such as frost, ice etc. The butterfly room will be changing their role play area into a home corner, this will give the children the opportunity to use their imagination to create play and act out past experiences.

We will also be updating our family board, please could you send your family photos, the children love to look at them. You are welcome to send them to us via email (info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk)

EYFS - UW- 0-3 years - makes connections between the features of their family and other families.

With February fast approaching, the children are going to be learning about love and celebrating Valentine's day by creating lovely cards and gifts for people they love. They will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a range of different Chinese foods and activities as they explore Chinese mark making and dressing up.

EYFS - EAD - 0-3 years - express ideas and feelings through making marks, and sometimes give a meaning to the marks they make.

Throughout March the children will celebrate a variety of different events. Pancake day is an opportunity for the children to taste pancakes and a variety of different toppings to see which ones they like and dislike. We will also be celebrating St David's Day as they explore real life daffodils and have some tasty Welsh cakes. They will do this by getting creative and messy as they create their Mother's Day surprises for you!

EYFS - EAD - 0-3 years - start to develop pretend play, pretending that one object represents another.

Ladybirds

A big warm welcome to all our new children, we hope you settle in well and enjoy ladybird life!



We are very excited about our forest school project and the learning opportunities it will provide for all children to learn outdoors through nature. Forest school is a unique way of building independence, self-esteem and a positive attitude towards learning in children and young people as they explore and experience the natural world for themselves. A combination of freedom and responsibility is beneficial to children's wellbeing and confidence. You can find out more about forest schools from the following link - www.forestschoolluk.co.uk

EFYS - UW - 3-4 years - uses all their senses in hands-on exploration of natural materials.

January will be the start of a brand new term. We will be welcoming the new starters by exploring 'all about me' enabling children to develop their confidence. The children will have the opportunity to talk about themselves, their families and their favourite things to do. They will also be updating the family book, could you please send in your family photos to info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk.

EYFS - UW - 3-4 years - begin to make sense of their own life-story and family's history.

This term we are encouraging the new younger children to begin recognising their own names, to help with this we will be making them name pegs which they will find each day as they come into nursery, each child will have a drawer with the same picture as their peg. We will also be helping the children to sit together in small groups, listening to stories and joining in with songs and rhymes. We will be discussing the new season winter and the changes. We will be exploring snow and winter animals which we will then use to print and explore using our senses as well as to develop our letters and sounds when exploring new words. Our role play room will be changing into a hairdresser as we use our imagination to act out past experiences and to take on our role in play with the other children, this will then link in the children's keen interest at the moment.

EYFS - EAD - 3-4 years - take part in simple pretend play, using an object to represent something else even though they are not similar.

In February, we will be looking at Valentines day using language to describe and our senses to investigate, this will support our learning as we explore the how to express our feeling of love. Children will be tasting different Chinese food as we celebrate Chinese new year and will be encouraged to use language to describe how they taste. They will be exploring different costumes within the role play area where they can try on Chinese costumes.

EYFS - PD - 3-4 years - Be increasingly independent as they get dressed and undressed, for example, putting on coats and doing up zips.

Preschool children will explore pancake day! Children will be given the opportunity to taste pancakes with a variety of toppings as they use and develop their taste buds to describe which topping tastes best. Preschool will learn the importance of this special day and why we celebrate this day every year, Mother's day, to show our carers how much we appreciate all they do for us! We will explore St David's Day by creating our own pictures of daffodils using paints, we will use real life daffodils to create our own. In cookery club we will be making our own Welsh cakes, these will taste yummy!

Our maths target this term is to compare quantities using language: 'more than', 'fewer than'. (EYFS - M -3-4 years)

Our literacy target this term is to engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. (EYFS - L - 3-4 years).