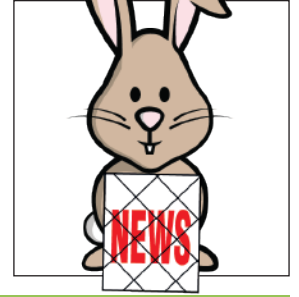




DORSET DRIVE

NEWS FLASH



NOVEMBER 2024

LAMBS

This month the children in Lambs have been exploring the garden through lots of Autumn activities linked to books 'Bear hunt' and 'The Gruffalo'. The children enjoyed splashing in muddy puddles, collecting leaves and other natural materials which we then explored in our messy trays and creative activities. The Lambs enjoyed making a cave and going on their very own bear hunt. They also spent time playing in flour which we put out on the mat for them to explore. The children used their hands and feet and sometimes their whole bodies to move around and make marks. They watched as flour was thrown in to the air and listened as words from 'We are going on a bear hunt' were spoken, and the flour represented the snowstorm.

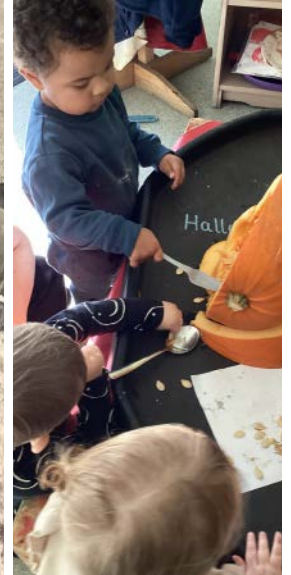
DUCKLINGS

In the Ducklings the children have been learning about being kind to one another. The children enjoyed creating a kindness rainbow by using their hands. They were given lots of opportunities to join in with random acts of kindness throughout the week including giving the parents and staff members chocolate cakes which they enjoyed making, as well as flowers we had picked for them. The children enjoyed singing lots of songs to link with good manners such as routine songs, our 'hello' song, playing different games and group activities to promote turn taking and sharing. The Ducklings have also been exploring the different fruits and vegetables we have at snack time. The children showed an interest in the seeds inside an apple by asking what they were. To extend this further the next day the children were provided with a large variety of fruit and vegetables such as peppers, plums, oranges, melon, tomatoes and apples to look at the different seeds that were inside. The children enjoyed cutting these up, exploring the texture and discussing each one and how it grows before tasting them. We then saved some seeds to dry out and plant to see what happens next.

FARMERS

The Farmers have been learning about germs and real superheroes who help to keep us safe. The children enjoyed a variety of role plays such as a hospital where we enjoyed putting bandages on our friends, and a fire station where we went around the room using the hose to tackle fires. We had lots of discussions about how important it is to keep ourselves safe and how we do this. The children learnt that we call 999 in an emergency, and we spoke about what details we might need to give such as our name and address. Whilst learning about germs we enjoyed a variety of scientific experiments, including one where when you dip your finger in soap and then see how the pepper moves away quickly, resembling germs leaving our hands when they are washed.

The children have enjoyed lots of Halloween activities we have enjoyed exploring pumpkins looking at them whole and then sliced, scooping out the inside and discussing textures and collecting the seeds for other activities. We then used the seeds to make our very own mosaic pictures and have saved some to plant to see if we can grow our own pumpkins. We have looked at different Halloween things through our stories such as spooky skeletons, spiders, witches and ghosts and have loved lots of messy and sensory play.



Dates for the Diary:

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS THEMED STAY AND PLAY

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS CAROL EVENT @ 2PM

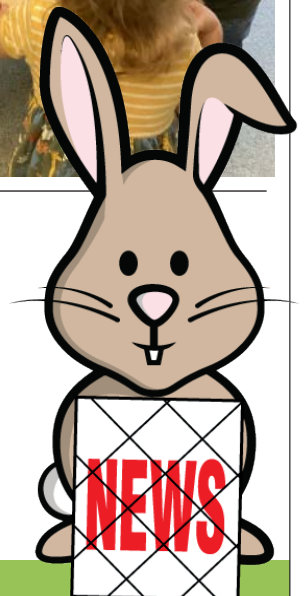
WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY AND MEETING SANTA

THE NURSERY WILL CLOSE CHRISTMAS EVE AT 1PM AND

RE-OPEN FOR ALL YEAR-ROUND CHILDREN ON THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2025.

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2025 - TERM TIME ONLY CHILDREN WILL RETURN



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