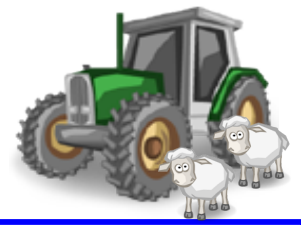


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Inn Farm Private Day Nursery Newsletter



New website- Our revamped website should be up and running very shortly. Please take your time to have a look and browse the different areas. There are lots of new photos in the gallery. We would be very interested in your feedback.

Reports and parents' evening- Reports should have been given to you over the last week. Please let me know if you have not received your child's report. Parents' evening will take place on Thursday 18th July. Ten minute slots are available to book between 6.00pm and 7.00pm for children in Ladybirds, Caterpillars and Bumblebees. Pre-school appointments will be available between 6.30pm and 8.00pm. Please arrive 10 minutes before your allocated time in order to look through your child's Learning Journey prior to your appointment. If you need a longer appointment, please speak to Joanne, who will be happy to book a mutually convenient time at an alternative time. Time slots can be booked with your child's key person, or through Joanne.

Leavers- It's that time of year when we sadly say goodbye to our big boys and girls going to school in September. We would like to wish them all well. They will be missed! Please keep in touch and let us know how they are getting on.

Hot weather- Please could apply sun cream prior to your child arriving at nursery, then we will keep it topped up during the day. If you bring your own sun cream please can you check the sell by date and name the bottle.

Holiday dates- If you haven't already given Joanne your holiday dates, please could I ask you to do so. This assists with our forward planning. Thank you.

Uniform- We will be putting an order in for uniform at the end of next week, so if you need to order any please can you place your order before Friday 12th July.

Kate and Joanne

Ladybirds

We would like to welcome Halle and Ambar to the baby room, who have settled in well and are having lots of fun with us already! We are looking forward to meeting Tabitha, who joins us in mid-July.

Over the last few months we have been enjoying lots of messy play activities, such as hand and foot painting. The babies have also loved exploring water play in the undercover garden. We will continue to provide these favourites and include mark making with different coloured paint, crayons and water.

Over the next few months the babies will be enjoying 'tummy time', gaining strength in order to crawl. We will provide lots of activities to develop crawling, including games with ball and the tunnel. We will also be encouraging standing and walking with the walkers. At home parents could keep toys at arms' length to encourage crawling and moving around more.

We will be making lots of noise with the percussion instruments and singing lots of songs to encourage imitation of language and vocabulary. The babies love joining in with singing, so we will include number songs using visual aids, including '5 Little Ducks' and '5 Green and Speckled Frogs'.

The babies have enjoyed looking at different books. We will now provide books that encourage feeling different textures, including 'It's not my.....' books, where the babies can feel the different textures on each page.

With the better weather we will spend more time outdoors, exploring the environment and going on walks to see the animals.

Emily

Caterpillars

Firstly we would like to welcome Millie to Caterpillars. We have lots of fun activities for her to join in with.

Over the last few weeks we have been following the children's interests, including dinosaur messy play, role play with babies, and cars/diggers in cornflour mud! The children made dinosaur biscuits and cards for Father's Day and enjoyed sensory water play in the garden with lemons and limes.

We have been encouraging the language of size- big and little, and counting at every opportunity. It would be great if you could support this at home.

Over the next term we will be encouraging independence skills by encouraging the children to drink from lidless cups, helping to dress and undress and begin to understand the use of a potty. We will also continue to follow the children's interests and plan to introduce a wider range of water and sand activities, along with more nature walks to explore our local environment.

You could help to support your child further at home by encouraging them to pull the zip down/up on coats and jackets, taking off own shoes and socks and offering opportunities to drink from a cup without a lid.

We will be reading books about animals and talking about 'big' and 'little' through fiction and non-fiction books. We will also explore our box of puppets, encouraging the use of language to make choices.

If your child has any 'WOW' moments at home please let us know so we can add them to their individual Learning Journeys.

Connie, Lorraine and Rebecca

Bumblebees

Over the last few months Bumblebees have enjoyed making their own soup for tea, going for long walks to see the animals and exploring 'Space and Aliens', when they got very messy while making planets, stars and the moon.

Over the next two months we will incorporate a lot of maths into our play and activities; looking at numbers, space shape and measures. We will encourage the language of maths at every opportunity. Activities will include getting messy, mark making and building and measuring. We would be very grateful if you could count with your child at home and when out and about. When they are able to count in order to 5, encourage then to count to 10. If they can count to 10, encourage counting to 20 (a tricky one!).

We shall be finding out about the festivals of 'Eid', using books and crafts. We will celebrate 'Friendship Day', with lots of fun activities with our friends, encouraging sharing.

The children's listening skills are improving all the time, especially at group time, which is great! Confidence has grown at singing time and we have introduced a new 'Good Morning' song, where we have to clap our hands and say who we would like to say good morning to. Each child has a turn and it has proved a big hit! Reading stories at bedtime is a great way to encourage listening skills and it's a lovely way to end the bedtime routine-calmly, ready for sleep!

We will be reading 'Ten Little Monsters' and 'Icky, Sticky Monster', which are favourite books. We will then provide activities related to the stories and the children's interests.

Bev, Mona and Jess

Butterflies

Now Abbey has left to go on maternity leave, Charlotte has become Room Leader and will continue to be key person to her present key children. Daria has taken on Abbey's key children and will be doing parents evening for the parents of those children. Please ask if you are unsure.

Butterflies have enjoyed our 'Home' topic, especially adding their photos to the display. This has prompted many opportunities to develop communication skills. In June we focussed on the '30 day Wild Challenge', where each day we completed at least one of the challenges. These included 'Find a creepy crawly', 'Sketch up close', 'Look at the clouds' and, our favourite 'Lunch in the wild', with yummy picnic treats.

Over the next few weeks our topic will be 'Let's go on holiday'. We plan to learn about different countries. We will create our very own passports to use on different types of transport in role play. We will cover 'The seaside' and 'Under the sea' before ending our topic with 'Camping', we are looking forward to toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate! If you have any stories or non-fiction books about any of our topics it would be great if your child could share them with us.

If you are going away on holiday it would be very exciting to get a postcard if you have time to send one!

Charlotte and Daria

Dragonflies

So the time has begun for our final few weeks in Dragonflies. We are so proud of their achievements over this past year. They have all grown in confidence, learnt so much, and we shall be very sad to see them go.

Since Easter we have continued to follow the children's interests with our topics. They got their technology caps on as we learnt about robots. They enjoyed looking at a variety of non-fiction books to learn about all the different robots we have around us, from factory robots to robots that do operations on us. They also made shape robots, did some robot dancing and we are very proud of our robotic hand; please come and have a try of it on our display! We then moved onto a topic of frogs, as our classmate Jude brought in some tadpoles for us. Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed watching them develop into little frogs. We have learnt that first they grow their back legs, then their front legs, then their tails fall off and they are ready jump! They also produced some fantastic artwork to represent the different stages. We then moved onto a topic on occupations. We talked about the different jobs we would like to do when we are older, jobs included nurses, football coaches, football players, doctors, truck drivers, astronauts, farmers and teachers! We were really lucky to have some of our parents come in to tell us about their jobs and share some of things they get up to when they are at work. Many thanks to Dale Brunton, Stephanie Franklin, and Gemma Willis, who were all really great with the children, who were very inspired and learnt lots (so did the staff!). Throughout June we were following the 'Go Wild in June' campaign. Although we normally spend a lot of time interacting with nature in Dragonflies, we made nature and the outdoors a focus for our activities, which included meditating outdoors, sketching plants, making seed bombs, going on bug hunts and exploring some nature tuft trays.

We hope that you enjoyed our sports day and graduation. We had lots of fun practising! Thank you to all that participated, and all the support you gave.

The children have particularly loved listening to stories during the past few weeks; we read several books a day. The children have special favourites, including 'There's a snake in my school', 'Recipe for a story' and 'Dinosaur Firefighters'. They love talking about libraries, particularly as staff members go regularly to get new books and they appear in quite a few books we have read.

If you don't do so already, please take your children on a trip to the library, they are a great experience for them, with the added bonus of being free to use. We have continued singing their favourite songs, which are 'if you know the shape shout it out' and 2 little blackbirds and continued to develop their phonics knowledge with our 'Ron the Robot game', guessing the name of a hidden instrument and listening walks. At the moment we are particularly interested in developing the mathematical skills of measuring and weighing. They have enjoyed using their new measuring set to weigh out their own ingredients for 3 day clay.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to make the most of have our current class of Dragonflies, having lots of fun together. We will be talking lots about school, and looking at books about starting school. We will also be looking at holidays, looking at where we are going on the map, and reliving our holiday experiences. If you go away on holiday, please bring any memorabilia/photos so we can add them to our display board.

Rosie, Julie, Julia P and Linda