



Newsletter

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Toddlers and Preschool had a fabulous visit from Exotic Zoo last week. The children learnt so much and were so engaged and excited during the sessions. Here are some photos from the special exploration and discovery day!



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9 April	Start of the summer term for the children.
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27 May to 31 May	Half term <i>Nursery will also be closed to all children who attend Term Time</i>
3 June	Professional Development Day <i>(Holiday Club only)</i>
17-24 June	National School Sports Week
21 June	Fun Sports Day

Please click [here](#) to access our nursery website term dates page.

Let's celebrate!

Preschool have been learning all about our nursery expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) **We are kind to one another**
- 2) **We work hard together**
- 3) **We are honest with each other**

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the session.

This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) **It's cool to be kind**
- 2) **I worked wonders**
- 3) **I did the right thing**

We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!



Do you want to know more about online safety for preschool aged children?

Internet matters have created a top tips page for parents of 0-5 year olds.

Click on the image below to access the page.



As the weather is warming up please be aware of the Telford & Wrekin sun protection statement to keep us all safe.

Stay in the shade 11-3

Make sure you never burn

Always cover up – wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound sunglasses

Remember children burn more easily

Then use factor 15+ sunscreen with 5 stars on the back (Higher factor for children)

More information about sun safety can be found on the NHS website by clicking [here](#)

Please don't forget to apply sun cream to your child before they come into nursery. If they are with us all day pop a labelled bottle of cream in their bag so we can reapply at lunchtime.

Also can all children come to nursery with a named sunhat.



Pyjama Day



On Thursday 16 May we will be celebrating the joy of the bedtime story. Children are invited to come to nursery wearing their pyjama's for a £1 donation. We will be sharing stories all day to help develop our love of reading and promote the magic of stories.

[Scroll to page 3 to find out more!](#)

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Are you eligible for 30 hours funding? Go to:

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Do you already have a preschool child with 30 hours funding?

Don't forget you have to confirm your details are up to date every 3 months.

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>

Our theme in nursery is called:

Let's Investigate!



Toddlers



Next week in the Toddler room we will be exploring the world of spiders.

We will be sharing "Busy spider" and learning how spiders help our environment.

In the construction area we will be creating mini beast hotels. *I wonder which the spider might like?*

We will be interacting with the spider puppet and counting how many legs he has using our number skills.

We will also be creating spiders in the playdough using loose parts as the legs. *I wonder what we could use?*

Our nursery rhyme of the week is:

"There's a spider on the floor".

Preschool

Next week in pre-school we will be continuing our theme of 'Let's Investigate Minibeasts'.

We have had a special delivery of caterpillars, that we are observing to see the changes. We are excited to see what will happen!

We will be making spiders in the playdough and in the maths area we are investigating how many spots are on a ladybird.

Our rhyme of the week is:

'There's a worm at the bottom of the garden'.



Baby Room

Next week in the Baby room our theme lets investigate mini beasts.

Our focus story will be. Mad about Minibeast and Caterpillar Spring.

We will be learning about minibeasts through songs, treasure baskets and we will be finding minibeasts in the room and outside –singing, 'Where o where o where is the ladybird, where can the lady birds be?'

Our messy play this week. Green spaghetti with mini beasts hiding.



Finger painting – white, black and white and mixed colours like colourful Butterflies.

Outside we will be exploring the mini beasts in the sand and going on bugs hunts. In the water tray we have spiders and water shoots. We will be singing Incy wincey spider.

Our nursery rhyme of the week. Hungry caterpillar, munch munch, we have sensory bottles to link to the song and an exciting song bag to engage children.

Nursery Rhyme of the week

There's a Worm at the Bottom of the Garden.

Click on the image to access the song!



Bedtime Stories



On Thursday 16 May we will be celebrating the joy of the bedtime story.

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Why is the bedtime story so important?



Relaxation time

Foster a lifelong love of books

Increases academic ability

Helps children to explore new feelings, new words, new experiences and new knowledge

Quality time that
strengthens family relationships

Cuddling together with your parents, grandparents, carers or siblings to share an adventure or talk about a story before happily drifting off to sleep is an idyllic image that should be every child's reality.

Bath, Book, Bed...

The book trust have some simple steps to a better nights sleep. Click on the link below to find out more.



<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/bath-book-bed/bath-book-bed-booklet-2020-optimised.pdf>

Health Information

Is my child too ill for nursery?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery each day your child is absent unless the school or nursery agrees a different arrangement. You must let the school or nursery know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let the school office know.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Health Protection Advice Measles

Cases of measles are increasing in the UK, including in the West Midlands, and it's likely that there will be cases in Telford in the near future.

Measles can have serious and sometimes fatal consequences, so make sure your children are up to date with MMR vaccinations, and ask your GP about catch-up jabs if needed. The MMR vaccine is highly effective at protecting against measles.

If you are concerned that your child has measles, please call your GP in the first instance, to reduce the risk of passing the disease to others in the waiting room.

More information on measles can be found and information on the MMR vaccine can be found by following the links below.

Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Dental Advice Line

Do you have an urgent dental problem or need dental advice?



Are you looking for an NHS dentist for routine care?

Monday to Friday
0800-2100

01743 237916

Shropshire Community Health 

Telford Public Health Nursing Service



Healthy you, Healthy Future

Telephone Number 0333 358 3328

Text 07520 619 053

School nurse 07520 619 051

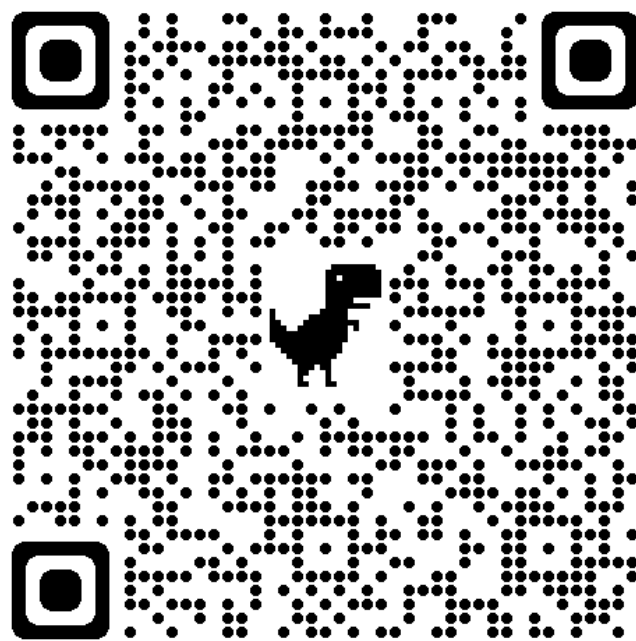
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excluding bank holidays

Do you know what to expect in the Early Years Foundation Stage?



Use the QR code below to access a guide for parents





Speaking English: Essential for everyday life in UK

Start Date: Thursday 6th June 2024

End Date: Thursday 11th July 2024

Time: 9:30 - 11:30am

Duration: 6 weeks

Location: The Wakes, Oakengates, TF2 6EP

This FREE course is for adults who already speak some English as a second language. During this course, you will improve your confidence in speaking in English and this will help with day to day situations involving numbers, for example shopping and paying with British money and talking about bills, banks and statements.

This course provides an opportunity to help you progress onto an ESOL course that offers a qualification

Eligibility: Adults aged 19+.



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