



Rope Green Farm Day Nursery

October Newsletter

Policy of the Month:

At Rope Green Farm Day Nursery we pride ourselves on providing a safe and healthy learning environment to allow children to develop and flourish. Therefore, we ensure that appropriate and up to date policies and procedures are put in place to ensure these standards are maintained. Each day, staff are required to complete risk assessments for the room and equipment which are updated throughout the day. If a hazard is discovered, management are informed before removing it from the premises.

We believe that children should feel safe at Nursery, therefore as part of our induction each new member of staff will be DBS (disclosure barring service) checked and shall hold relevant qualifications before starting at the nursery. A list of first aiders can be found in each room of the setting.

As part of our Health and Safety protocol we make sure that we are regularly practicing fire drills and that any visitors are made aware of the fire safety policy and exits. Hygiene is also very important, as part of our daily practice we disinfect surfaces and changing mats after use and encourage children to wash their hands throughout the day. If you would like to know more regarding this policy, then you can view it online or speak to a member of staff.

Acorn Baby Suite

We would like to welcome our team leader, Katy to the Acorn Baby Suite. Katy will be taking over from Hayley for her maternity cover, so she is getting to know all the babies, their families and each routine. Katy has worked at the Nursery for several years in each different room.

This month we have been enjoying the last bit of sunshine in our garden and visiting the animals on the farm. We have especially enjoyed looking at the ducks so we have all helped to create our '3 Little Ducks' display by making lots of wonderful arts and crafts. We also very much enjoyed singing the '3 Little Ducks' Nursery rhyme together- we now have Baby Beats every Thursday for the rest of the term.

We are looking forward to October and the fun activities it will bring! We have already enjoyed our first day of Autumn by creating lots of lovely paintings with autumnal colours, leaves and sticks. We have also explored a tuff tray filled with different resources that we have found whilst on our walks around the village.

Stay and Play- Thursday 25th October 9:30-10:00am

Toadstool Toddlers

This month we have made the most of the last bit of sun, exploring the garden and going on walks around the village and farm. Toddlers have also been exploring the change in weather by splashing in the puddles in our puddle suits and making leaf printings that are on our display as we begin to explore Autumn.

At the beginning of September we also had a change in our Nursery environment, it has been fantastic to see the children exploring their new kitchen area and dressing up clothes- we have had lots of Princesses and Cowboys in the toddler area!

This month the majority of us have had a trail for sport scape on a Thursday morning and many of you have continued with these session- it has been lovely to see you develop your listening skills and your hand-eye coordination whilst participating in fun, physical activities.

We have also explored a variety of messy activities, helping to develop our senses and our vocabulary. We have explored jelly, jelli baff, rainbow oats, shaving foam, glitter and much more.

In October we will continue to explore the Autumnal weather, looking at colours, textures and what appropriate clothing we should wear outside. Please remember to bring raincoats, wellies and hats as the weather changes to ensure that we can continue to have fun outside.

Stay and Play-Monday 22nd October 9:30-10:00am

Buzzy Bee's

This month we have been following the children's interests and doing lots of activities to do with the zoo. We have looked at a zoo map and talked about the different animals we could see. We then practised our animal noises and read our animal stories. We also had fun using the large soft animal figures in our small world area to enhance our imagination skills and vocabulary.

Buzzy Bee's have also began looking at the animal's body parts to see if we can recognise/learn new words such as 'trunk', 'horn' and 'antlers'. Thank you for your zoo pictures and booklets- we really enjoyed looking at these together.

Next month, we will be looking at our senses. We will have tasting activities, messy play and using herbs and spices to explore the different smells.

Stay and Play-Monday 22nd October 9:30-10:00am

Budding Bluebells

This month in Bluebells, we have been looking at the Harvest Festival, we created a box to gather donated/unwanted food items and gave it to Becky's local church. During this time, we looked at different fruits and vegetables, created art pictures using them as mark making tools, and we made our own vegetable pizza's. We also talked about farmers and farm animals, so we enjoyed taking a walk to visit our animals on the farm- we even managed to find an egg from the chickens! We explored our farm discovery tray by talking about the different animals and what the farmers might grow.

We are now going to start looking at Autumn, we have collected different sized/shaped leaves and have painted and then printed them to see what marks they can make.

Stay and Play- Tuesday 23rd October 9:30-10:00am

Rising Three's

This month has been all about settling into the new building and getting to know each other. We have been familiarising ourselves with our routine and the 'Golden Rules'.

We have had lots of fun playing in and exploring our new environment, especially the outdoor area which has proved to be very popular with our new intake.

We have enjoyed looking after our two rabbits and morning we go outside together to check them. We also take it in turns to give them their breakfast.

Every Thursday morning, we have our weekly sportscape session which has been lots of fun.

We have started talking about Autumn and looking at what changes happen at this time of year. We have our Autumn investigation tray where we are learning new words to describe the textures and appearance of the autumnal objects that we have found.

Stay and Play- Wednesday 24th October 9:30-10:00am

