



Newsletter June 2021

Please remember Parents are responsible for putting sun cream on to their child before attending nursery so they are protected, if you would like to bring a named bottle of sun cream in the girls will 'top up' the cream during the day. Also, a cool pack in their lunch box will help keep their food safe.



We encourage your children to run, climb and kick balls but there have been a couple of accidents where children have been wearing Flip flop type shoes. Please for their safety could you ensure what they are wearing is safe for nursery activities.



This time of the year we hope to enjoy water play outside and offer the children the opportunity to cool off in the paddling pool. This is great fun so could we ask you to pack a spare set of clothes and to make life easier a swimsuit please.

The children come to nursery to paint, try new media, mix mud and generally get stuck in so please only put them in clothes that they may get messy, Obviously we try to keep them clean but do not want to interrupt or stop them exploring. Thankyou.



Survey Outcomes Thank you so much for taking the time to complete our questionnaire. We are delighted that so many of you rated us so highly and took the time to write such lovely comments. Thank you to those who told us we are loving, caring and keep your child safe. The positive feedback is so important to boost morale and make us feel appreciated so thank you again.

Of course, there is no point asking for your opinions if we do not address the areas that you feel need improvement. Please find our responses below but remember you can always come in and talk with us at any time and look around the nursery.



- **Coming in to see the learning environment.** We totally understand that when leaving and collecting from the entrance you are not kept as 'in touch' with what your child is doing at nursery and we agree this has been a real shame as the girls put so much work into creating a learning environment for the children. The change was originally bought about due to stopping the spread of Covid but we really hope things can be more normal again. Moving forward you are welcome to come into the rooms at any time to drop off or collect your child (just say to staff can I come in and they will happily agree. We are considering having an open week per room for example all baby room parents come in week 1, ducklings' week 2 and ducks week 3.



- **Could we have more Tapestry updates?** Yes, we will try! Over the next few months we are like all nurseries across the country preparing for the new EYFS role out in September 2021. The new reforms are aimed at reducing unnecessary paperwork and tracking children across six age bands. The girls do spend a lot of time highlighting and ticking boxes as 'proof' for consultants and OFSTED, but realistically no one ever really looks at them. With some of this box ticking and cross referencing removed we want the use Tapestry as a 'picture story showing events and activities' your child has enjoyed without the linking to development statements (don't worry we will now be ensuring your child makes good progress, but it will be 'monitoring' not 'tracking') At a recent staff meeting I discussed with the staff the parental wishes for mor Tapestry updates and several staff said they were not sure if parents look at them because there is often nothing about what they have done at home or even a like. It is my hope that together staff and parent can make this Tapestry home/nursery link into a beautiful treasury of your child's time at Summertime.



- **Handover information and reports.** We hope the new door entry system means that the door is answered, and handover is conducted with a staff member who has spent the day with your child but So much happens in a day and we do forget some information. Please ask us and if you wish to talk longer we think it is now safe enough to move into the inner hallway to talk for longer especially if you are conscious of a waiting parent behind you.



- **How much time do the children spend outdoors?** This depends on the season and weather but every day the children go outside with the exception of small babies on very cold and wet days. Often the children are inside first thing in the morning and then for an hour after lunch but most of the day if the weather is 'decent' the children can free flow between inside and outside. When they are outside the have access to ride on toys, the sandpit, water play, books, the climbing frame, balls and the pirate ship. We use the natural area in smaller groups except for the babies.



Summertime Facebook page. We set up a page but have found it difficult to keep up with updating it and have decided we would rather do Tapestry well and maybe improve the website and spend more time with the children. Therefor we have closed the facebook page.

Themes for the next term. Ducks group will be focussing on School readiness.



Ducklings will be talking, painting and reading about 'The Jungle'. Babies have a new focus each week starting with Nursery rhymes next week.





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New EYFS Curriculum September 2021. The Department for Education (DfE) have published the new Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework and guidance to be used from 1 September 2021.

Government understands that this year has been a particularly difficult and challenging time for the early years sector, with children's learning disrupted across all ages. The intended aims of the reforms – focusing on children's outcomes and reducing unnecessary evidence gathering and paperwork so practitioners and teachers can spend more time interacting with children in their care.

For many years now all nurseries have spent time providing learning opportunities and observing children so that we can highlight a development statement on a piece of paper and then linking it to observations on Tapestry. At last it has been recognised that ticking boxes does not mean a well developed child in a stimulating nursery. Do not be alarmed that we will not be developing your child's confidence and leaning ! It means we can use our experience and professional judgement to 'monitor' your child against guidance rather than 'track' them and highlight statements. There will be more information available, and we are working on how the new reforms will look at Summertime nursery, If you would like to learn more for yourself there is plenty of information online. The emphasis from the EYFS will be narrowing the gap for disadvantaged children, increasing communication/vocabulary and oral health.

[Development Matters - non-statutory curriculum guidance for EYFS \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk) Or search on you tube Julian Grenier development matters

Picking up again on the parental feedback regarding Tapestry, we aim to improve input by making it more 'Family partnership' friendly and using it as a 'picture story showing events and activities' your child has enjoyed at home and the nursery and less about linking statements which is time consuming and not always helpful. Please don't forget to 'like' things so we know you have seen them and put on photos and comments on home events, days out, story books you are enjoying at home etc. 

Nursery Improvements painting all the outside wood work, new parasols and bases, new sandpit sand and toys, paddling pool, pushchairs for dolls on order, small wooden ride on for babies,

School Leavers party For those children in Ducks group leaving us to start school in September 2021 we will be holding a small graduation party. Friday 16th July 1:30 at the nursery. All children will be dressed in their graduation gowns to have their photographs taken receiving their certificate and named graduation bear from their keyworker. After this we will be offering parents a cream tea and an ice cream for the children. (This should be complete in time for those parents with siblings to get to school for pick up time) 

Holidays at 50% please remember if you wish to book your child out on holiday, we need a months' notice to apply the discount.



Term dates

Last day of term for term time only children - Friday 23rd July 2021

First day back for Autumn term for term time only children Monday 6th September 2021

Autumn half term Monday 25th – Friday 29th Inclusive

Next holiday Christmas (sorry!)

30 hour funded places must be stretched over the whole year not term time only.