

**Happy New Year to you all!
Welcome to our 3rd newsletter!**

Highlights

- Lauren Clark joined us in the toddler room and is a qualified Level 2 in childcare,
- We continue to recruit additional staff to support the current team,
- All staff are attending a refresher course in first aid training this month,
- Congratulations to Emily for completing her level 3 in childcare qualification!
- Some children from the baby and toddler rooms have started their transitions into the next room. Please let us know how you feel your child's transition has been and also any thoughts on how we could improve the process, and
- We have recently acquired a talking bilingual pen which we will be trial running in pre-school first. (We have included some information about 'Bilingualism' provided by Croydon Early Years, along with this newsletter.

Reminders



- Please ensure we have your up-to-date contact details and also emergency contact details,
- Please don't leave plastic bags on pegs or in your child's bag,
- Please check your child's bag regularly, you may need some more spare clothes or require a set of different season clothes, especially if your child is toilet training,
- Please let us know of any dates your child may be on holiday from nursery so that we can amend our records,
- Please note that breakfast runs from 8am until 9am, which then enables the staff to set up and start the children's morning activities, and
- Please let us know if your child has achieved a task they have been aiming for at home so we can write them a leaf for our "I can tree".

Expectations at Sunshine

At Sunshine we promote our expectations within the nursery; please can you help us promote these at home by using the following posters:

Walk when we are inside



Use our indoor voices and kind words



Share and take turns



Keep our hands and feet to ourselves



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A **BIG** thank you...

..... to those who were able to take part in and attend our Christmas activities!

Sickness

Could we take this opportunity to remind you that as per the *Unwell Children policy*? If your child is unwell, he/she should not be at nursery for the time outlined in the policy. If your child is taking medication, he/she should not be at nursery for the first 48 hours of starting the medication. If your child has been given Calpol for any reason before nursery, staff must be informed. If you do not have a copy of the policy, please speak to Sam.

Regular Visits

Zoolab visit the nursery every quarter to demonstrate to the children how animals deal with each season and prepares for the season ahead.

Totstars visit the nursery on the last Tuesday of every month and provide the Pre-school children with a session on basketball, football and volleyball.

To give you an idea of the fun the children have with Totstars, please visit the link below.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XtpkM_xBw1Y

Sing & Sign visit the nursery once a month to provide all children with a session on signing.

Musical Bumps visit the nursery once a month to provide all children with a session on music and dance.

English As An Additional Language

At Sunshine Day Nursery, we undertake to include all children and openly welcome those who are not able to speak or understand English. To speak a language other than English will be celebrated and not seen as a disadvantage or deficit for the individual children. Our strategy to support these children will be implemented by all members of staff. It is the responsibility of the staff to be flexible and creative to ensure that effective communication takes place. Children who attend our setting may be monolingual in English or another heritage language, or multilingual and able to speak and understand in two or more languages.

Baby Room

As you are aware we have a sing and sign workshop once a month that we have found beneficial for the babies as we have noticed them starting to use the signs. This also helps us to continue to incorporate signs into our day. Please let us know if you have noticed your child signing at home or if you need clarification on what your child may be signing.

We will be focusing on the children feeding themselves at meal times and/or milk times.

Our older babies will start their transitions into the Toddler Room and for those who have completed their transitions we wish them well and know they will enjoy becoming a Toddler.

Our songs for this term will be as follows:

Five Little Speckled Frogs (See below Toddler Songs)

Row, Row, Row Your Boat

*Row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream*

*Rock, Rock, Rock your boat
Gently down the stream If you see a crocodile
Don't forget to scream!*



The Wheels On The Bus

*The wheels on the bus go
Round and round
Round and round
Round and round
The wheels on the bus go
Round and round
All day long*

*The babies on the bus go
Whaa whaa whaa
Whaa whaa whaa
Whaa whaa whaa
The babies on the bus go
Whaa whaa whaa
All day long*

*The horn on the bus goes
Beep beep beep
Beep beep beep
Beep beep beep
The horn on the bus goes
Beep beep beep
All day long*



Toddler Room

Our special book this term is the well known favourite "The Gruffalo" to support the toddlers' language and interest in stories and rhymes.



We have adapted our water tray to enable use for malleable play such as foam, play dough, gel and lots more to provide the toddlers with sensory experience to mark making and play.

Older children in the room have or will be starting their transitions into pre-school.

Our songs for this term are as follows:

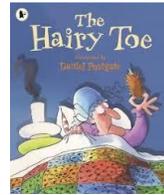
Horsey Horsey

*Horsey horsey don't you stop
Just let your feet go clippety-clop
Your tail goes swish and the
wheels go round
Giddy up, we're homeward
bound.
We're not in a hustle, we're not in a bustle
Don't go tearing up the road
We're not in a hurry, we're not in a flurry
And we don't have a very heavy load.
Horsey horsey don't you stop
Just let your feet go clippety clop
Your tail goes swish and the wheels go round
Giddy up, we're homeward bound.*



Pre-School

This terms special book is "The Hairy Toe", from which you may have heard the line "Who's got my Hairy Toe" from the children's play.



We are introducing a language of the month starting with Mandarin to celebrate Chinese new year. This is planned to commence in February to incorporate children's home language into nursery life.



We would also like to promote children's home language through our small group times. We would appreciate it if you could write down "Good morning" and "How are you today?" in your home language, which we will then begin to use.

If there are any parents who are free to come into nursery to read stories in your home language or assist with simple cooking activities, you would be most welcome. If you have any other ideas of your own please let us know.



We are in the process of changing the names of the pre-school rooms and want to get the children involved in the decision. We will have different options for them to choose from and we will keep you posted on the children's outcomes.

Baa Baa Blue Sheep

(Becky's version!!)

Baa, baa, blue sheep,
Have you any shoes?,
Yes sir, yes sir
In pairs of two's
Some made of plaster
Some made of stone
Some for the dog who has a bone.



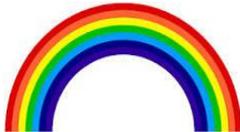
Animal Fair

I went to the animal fair,
The birds and the beasts were there,
The big baboon by the light of the moon
Was combing his auburn hair,
The monkey bumped the skunk,
And sat on the elephant's trunk;
The elephant sneezed and fell to his knees,
And that was the end of the monk,
The monk, the monk, the monk,
The monk, the monk, the monk.

Rainbow Song

(with signs)

Red and yellow and
Pink and Green
Purple and orange and blue



I can sing a rainbow
Sing a rainbow
Sing a rainbow too

Listen with your eyes
Listen with your ears
And sing everything you see

I can sing a rainbow
Sing a rainbow
Sing along with me

Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grubs - yum, yum

Our songs for this term are as follows:

Spring Is Here

(Sung To: Are You Sleeping)

I see robins,
I see bird's nests,
Butterflies too,
flowers too.
Everything is growing,
The wind is gently blowing.
Spring is here, spring is here.

Spring Poem

Some days seem like winter,
Some are nice and warm.
Rainy days and windy days,
Maybe it will storm.
Warm or cold or wet or dry,
What will the weather be?
I think Spring is trying to play
Peek-a-boo with me

The Days of Spring

(Sung to: Farmer in the Dell)

The days of Spring are here,
Warm, sunny days are near,
Flowers and bees, and birds in trees.
The days of spring are here.

The Little Caterpillar

(Sung to "Itsy, Bitsy Spider")

The little caterpillar crawled up
into a tree,
Spun his cocoon and slept so quietly,
All through the winter he didn't make a sound,
He dreamt of his new life when he'd be flying all
around.
While he was sleeping the snow did gently fall,
Winter came and went, then her heard the robin's
call,
Come on Mr. Butterfly, out of your cocoon
Spread your wings and fly for me, while I sing my
tune.



One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are four green speckled frogs - glub, glub.

Four little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grubs - yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are three green speckled frogs - glub, glub.

Three little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grubs - yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are two green speckled frogs - glub, glub.

Two little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grubs - yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are one green speckled frogs- glub, glub.

One little speckled frogs
Sat on a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grubs - yum, yum
One jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Now there are no green speckled frogs - glub, glub.



Some Rabbits

(Sung To: My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean)



Some rabbits have bright shiny noses.
I'm telling you now as a friend.
The reason their noses are shiny
Their powder puffs on the wrong end.
Wrong end, wrong end, their powder puffs on the wrong end.

(Sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

Springtime is finally here, oh springtime is finally here
Flowers come this time of year
Springtime is finally here.
Springtime is finally here, oh springtime is finally here
The bees are buzzing, can you hear
Springtime is finally here.