

Bexleyheath Newsletter



January 2023

Hello everyone!

January is here and we're ready to kick off the New Year with a bang! Our theme for this month is Animals in Winter, and we have so many exciting activities planned for our little ones.

We're thrilled to introduce our theme book, The Winter Fox. It's a captivating story that will take our little adventurers on an animal-filled journey. Let's dive into the world of animals together!

This month, we're focusing on the sound "A for Animals". Let's practice saying it together and have some fun with words that start with this sound. Get ready for some animal-inspired learning!

And of course, our theme sign is Animal. Let's get creative and have some fun! We can't wait to see all the amazing artwork and crafts our little ones will create.



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's make this year another great one filled with teaching, learning, and growing together!

Now, let's talk about the exciting celebrations lined up for January. Which one are you most excited about? Let's learn more about these special days together!

1st January: New Year's Day

2nd January: National Science Fiction Day

4th January: World Braille Day

25th January: St Dwynwen's Day

26th-28th January: Big Garden Birdwatch

27th January: National Storytelling Week

Important communication alert!

We wanted to inform you about some changes to the 2-year review process by Bexley. We have sent out an email with all the details, but if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us. We're here to help.

Just a friendly reminder that breakfast is served until 8:30 am. If you'd like your child to have breakfast at the nursery, please make sure to arrive on time so they can enjoy their meal and start their day off right!

Now, let's highlight some of the amazing things our little ones have been up to in their learning journey. This month, we've been exploring the holiday season and preparing for our Christmas Play. The children have been creating props and getting into the festive spirit.



We've also been diving into the book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark' and the children have been getting creative by making their very own owls. Their artwork is absolutely adorable!



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In addition to our monthly theme, we've been spreading kindness throughout the nursery. The children recently took a trip to Bexleyheath shopping Centre to buy gifts for the Dunelm giving tree. It's been heartwarming to see their acts of kindness and generosity.



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We also had an incredible educational experience as we visited the Ramgarhia Sikh temple. The children had the opportunity to learn about the Sikh religion and explore the temple. It was a day filled with respect, education, and delicious food!



Home Learning Ideas

Looking for some exciting home learning ideas to keep your little ones engaged and learning? We've got you covered! These activities will not only support your child's learning but also extend their nursery experience right in the comfort of your own home. Let's make this January a month filled with learning, fun, and lots of animal activities and joy!

- Make your own animal masks: Get creative and have a blast making animal masks with your child. Use paper plates, craft paper, and markers to bring their favourite animals to life. Let their imagination run wild!
- Create a fun-filled penguin village tuff tray: Set up a sensory play experience for your little ones by creating a penguin village tuff tray. Use rice, cotton balls, and small toy penguins to create a winter wonderland. Let them explore and play in their own little penguin world!
- Make your own igloo: Get crafty and build an igloo with your child using recycled materials like cardboard boxes or milk jugs. Let them decorate it with cotton balls or white paper to make it look like a real igloo. It's a great way to learn about winter habitats!
- Create your own bear cave: Transform a cozy corner of your home into a bear cave for your child. Use blankets, pillows, and stuffed animals to create a cozy and inviting space. Encourage them to read books or have quiet time in their bear cave. It's a perfect spot for some relaxation and imagination!

We hope these home learning ideas bring lots of joy and learning to your little ones. Have a fantastic January filled with fun, creativity, and animal adventures!

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Exclusion Periods

Hand, Foot and Mouth	All blisters must have dried out before returning to nursery, usually after 5 days.
Tonsillitis	If prescribed antibiotics your child will be excluded for the first 48 hours of taking them.
Sickness and Diarrhoea	All children are excluded from nursery for at least 48 hours from their last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.
Scarlet fever	Excluded from nursery for the first 48 hours of antibiotics.
Eczema	Creams must be new and unsealed- Parents consent is required on medication form
Measles	Excluded for 4 days from the onset of the rash.
Ringworm	Excluded for 48 hours after applying first course of cream.
Chicken pox	All spots must be fully scabbed over before returning to nursery. This is usually around 5-7 days from when the last spot appears.
Head lice	Excluded from nursery until cleared form head lice.
Infant Suspension Calpol/Nurofen	<p>If a child is presenting a fever, we will try to bring it down naturally however if medication is required this can only be administered once during the child's session at nursery. In this case, if a child has longer than 4 hours left of their session we will ask for the parents to arrange collection for the child. This is due to only being able to administer the medication once; if the child has a fever after the medication has worn off we would be unable to give them anymore.</p> <p>If a child has arrived at nursery after having Infant suspension the same day, they will be unable to attend that day's session. This is for the same principles as the previous policy. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.</p>
Conjunctivitis	Children will be excluded till they are fully clear of infection and free of any discharge. Any eye prescriptions may only be administered after 48 hours.
Prescribed Medication	Children must be on medication for a minimum of 48 hours before returning to nursery. Medication can only be administered after the 48-hour exclusion even if your child has previously had the medication.



Reminders

Absence reporting procedure:

Please ensure that you email to confirm all absences including planned days outs, holidays and sickness.

Please explain the nature of the illness in your email so that we can ensure we take necessary steps to safeguard the health of all our children.

When visiting abroad please tell us where you are going including any stopovers on flights as well as your travel dates.

We are legally obliged to record all children's absence as part of our safeguarding procedure.

Please email: manager@monkeypuzzlebexleyheath.co.uk

Invoices and voucher payments please contact - Jenny@monkeypuzzlebexleyheath.co.uk

Invoices will be emailed out to all parents from our management software. Password for invoice will be set as your child's first name in lower case.

Where parents have more than one child it will be set as the eldest child's first name in lower case.

If you would like to change your voucher amount we will need to be notified by the 10th of the month.

For example, if you would like to pay in vouchers for May you will need to notify us by the 10th April.

With voucher payments please ensure you set them to automatic release on or around the 27th of the previous month so that the funds clear in time for the 1st of the month.

Two Year Checks

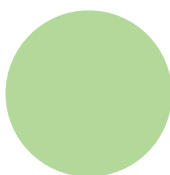
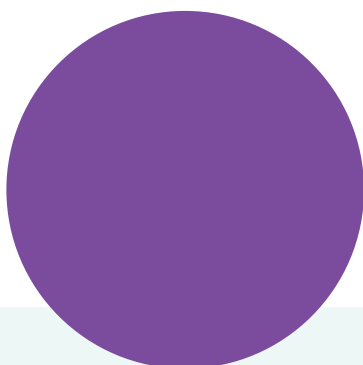
A gentle reminder about Two-year checks. Please could parents inform the nursery when you are given a date for your child's two-year check. This will allow us to complete the two-year progress check so that you can take it along to your progress meeting.

Terms and conditions:

2 full calendar months written notice is required if you no longer require your nursery place.

The notice is also required if you wish to withdraw your child from the nursery or if you wish to reduce the number of days your child attends the nursery. Fees are payable during this notice period.

We reserve the right to charge interest on late fees at the statutory rate calculated daily, or rate of interest set by the court (which ever is higher), plus an administration charge of 25 pounds unless stated otherwise.



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