
Ripe Nursery School Chronicle

Welcome back!

Last week ...

Happy new year! And welcome back to the start of a rather different term. For those who have returned, we have loved seeing you all and hearing your Christmas news! The children have all been fascinated with the ice and frost this week when we have been out on our walks and playing in the field. Wise Owls have been digging and were fascinated by a worm, watching it for a long time as it burrowed under the soil. It prompted lots of questions so we'll be finding out more next week. Little Owls, who always like to check on the Church clock, noticed that it hasn't been chiming. They have been listening carefully when they're outside and heard many more birds, so next week will be focussed around this. The children at The Nest have settled back in really well and have been making the most of the dry days for walks outside.



Next week...

Worms, birds, ...

Bags please...

Kit bags to stay at Nursery School please, to minimise the amount going between home and School.

Bookbags can also stay at home for the moment.

Don't forget gloves/hats etc for this weather. Mittens are much easier than gloves with fingers! We are also keeping the windows open in all of the classrooms so layers of indoor clothes are useful too!

Wise Owls will be building a 'wormery' next week and finding out more about worms; we'll be encouraging the children to think of questions they'd like to find the answers to in the next couple of weeks and then thinking about how we can find these answers. We'll also be talking more about the changes in the weather and 'Winter'. Little Owls are going to base their learning around birds and will be doing some bird watching! The children in The Nest will be focussing on listening skills when they're out and about outside and will have a focus on rhymes and stories inside.

For those wanting to do some bird watching at home, you can get involved in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch... there are some activities here:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

There's a Cbeebies 'How to' for making a bird feeder here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes/bird-feeder> and we have attached a 'Bird Spotter' page to the email.

[If you're at home...](#)

With some of our children in and some not, we thought you might find it useful if we put some more activities in here (as above) and on our Facebook page with play activities you can try at home. They'll come out on Facebook on a Tuesday and we'll share them in here too. Miss Charlotte has also braved the cold and filmed a new Forest School session for tomorrow which you'll be able to find on YouTube! It is the same activity that Miss Charlotte will be doing with Little Owls in tomorrow's Forest School. If you try any of the activities at home, we'd love to see them! You could upload photos or videos to your child's Tapestry. At the moment we're not going to do the Yellow Books in the book bags so that we limit the amount going between home and Nursery. We will put a note on a whiteboard outside every day about what we have been doing, and you'll also be able to see on here. If you have any other suggestions about things we can be doing this term, please do let us know!

[Colds and Covid!](#)

Please don't forget to wear a face mask for drop off and pick up; staff will do the same and may be wearing masks throughout the day. If your child has a cold, they are still welcome to come to Nursery School as long as they are up to it and don't have a temperature. We aren't able to administer calpol, so if your child has had calpol in the morning or is likely to need it, for any reason, we would be grateful if you could keep them at home until they are well again. Please familiarise yourself with the current guidance for Covid in children, here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>

We have not resumed our 'show arounds' during the day for prospective parents but are showing them the nursery out of hours once the children have gone home.

Fun with Boxes

eastsussex.gov.uk 

Role of the Adult:
Boxes can be used as fun and inexpensive toys for you and your child.

At home you and your child could try:

Making and exploring a sensory Tunnel....  

Stacking different sized boxes, Making "crashhh" sounds when they fall....

Collecting boxes such as jewellery boxes and hiding things in them for your child to open and explore...  

When exploring boxes your child is learning...
Shapes and sizes (try different shaped boxes)
Emotions, excitement, enjoyment
How to move their bodies in different ways
Language, from fun interactions you have together, playing peek a boo with your child.
To make their own decisions, what to do, what to open or touch, where to go.

WHAT'S ON...

Next week:

No Baby and Toddler group until further notice, sorry!

Future Dates:

End of this half term: Friday 12th February

Back to Nursery: Monday 22nd February

End of term, finish for Easter: Thursday 1st April