

Ripe Nursery School Chronicle

Last week...

Worms, muddy play, birds and bird feeders...

Last week Wise Owls have enjoyed assembling their wormery. They had to find their own worms to put in it so did lots of stomping in the field so that they could dig some up! They are enjoying finding out more about the worms and how they live. Little Owls have been focussing on birds this week, spotting them when they're out and about and making bird feeders in their Forest School session. We know some of you have been joining in at home with this too! The children in The Nest have been enjoying stories, rhymes and listening activities when out and about this week.



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!

Next week...

Our bodies, Joe Wicks, Owls, ...

Wise Owls are going to have a focus on 'our bodies' next week after a new puzzle sparked this interest. They'll be talking about how we keep our bodies healthy and we'll be joining in with some Joe Wicks work outs in the mornings! We will also be having some 'Cosmic Kids Yoga' in the afternoon after rest time; you can find videos of this to watch at home here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifPWCZ1Mhto>

Little Owls are going to look at 'Owls' next week, reading a firm favourite 'Owl babies', finding out more about owls in non fiction books and making their own owls. The children in The Nest will be continuing with their listening activities and will be enjoying lots of individual story time.



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.

[One to try out](#)

This week's activity to try at home is making a sensory bag (and it's not messy either!). With our older children, we sometimes add letters or numbers to the bags to see which ones they can spot. We'd love to know if you try making your own at home!

eastsussex.gov.uk **Sensory Bags** East Sussex County Council

This sensory activity is suitable for babies and children of all ages which will add a different sensory aspect to their play. You will need to supervise your child with this activity.

You will need:

- Sealable sandwich bags
- Masking tape or strong tape

Inside the bags you could put:

- Shaving foam
- Hair gel
- Feathers
- Jelly
- Cotton wool
- Baked beans
- Paint

Activity:

Pour the mixture into the sandwich bag and choose which items to put inside. Seal the bag and push the mixture into the middle. Tape around each side of the bag to make it secure (this is important with fillings like shaving foam).

Let your child explore the feelings of the bag and try to move around what's inside. To add another aspect to the experience you could put these into the fridge so that they feel cold. Please note any food substances will need to be thrown away afterwards.



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