

Ripe Nursery School Chronicle

Last week...

Owls, worms, our bodies...

Last week Wise Owls made their own life-size paintings of their bodies! They talked about their different body parts and painted their names brilliantly to go with them. They enjoyed some Joe Wicks work outs and Cosmic Kids yoga and have started to talk about what happens to their bodies when they exercise. Little Owls made their own owls and read Owl stories such as 'Owl Babies'. The children in The Nest did lots of singing, listening games and songs and 1-1 stories.



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...

Healthy eating, number songs, bird spotting and collage...

Wise Owls are going to continue their work on 'Our bodies' and will be learning about which foods are healthy, and which are good just for a treat! Little Owls are going bird spotting next week with their binoculars and will be making collage birds back in the classroom. The children in The Nest will be enjoying lots of number rhymes next week.



[Our blog](#)

We have a new post in the 'Blog' section of our website, all about physical development. You'll also find some 'Top tips for potty training' there, all compiled from the experiences of the staff over the years. We'll be adding new posts to the blog throughout the year and have a variety of ideas for themes, from talking to children about race and diversity, managing fussy eating, dealing with bereavement, to supporting children's early communication and the benefits of outside play. If you have ideas of topics you'd like us to cover, please let us know!

The link for the blog is: <https://www.ripenurseryschool.co.uk/blog/>

[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 salt dough. Great for decorations or gifts!

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Salt dough Recipe

East Sussex
County Council

Ingredients

- 200ml (1/3 pint) water
- 300g (10oz) plain flour
- 300g (10oz) salt
- 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil
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Method

Mix it all together.

You could:

You could add a few drops of food colouring to the dough.

Roll out on a floured surface, cut out shapes and lay on a baking tray lined with baking paper.

Oven setting required to harden your finished artwork - 180 degrees celsius, gas mark 4.

Takes about 20 minutes.

You can paint your art with poster paints and seal it on with a coat of clear varnish.



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