



# Nurture News

April 2018

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## A NOTE FROM RACHEL

Welcome back following the Easter break, we hope you had a relaxing break and a very warm welcome to all of the families who are embarking on their Nurture adventure.

We are delighted at how fantastic the garden is looking. We have already started exploring our new outdoor area in all weather and we are looking forward to spending much more time in the outdoors over the coming months.

With this in mind can we remind parents to send their child in with sun cream (applied) and a sun hat on warmer days please, we will top up sun cream throughout the course of the day. If you have not yet seen our new outdoor area you are welcome to pop into the garden at any time.

### **STAFFING:**

We were sad to have said 'Goodbye' to Heather, we wish her all the best with her studies and future career. Nichola will continue to support Sarah as Deputy Room Leader within 2-3's. Evie will be working over the Summer as she ends her first year of teacher training at Sheffield Hallam.

We are excited to welcome Rebecca to the team from the end of May. Rebecca will be taking on the admin role which will then free up a little more time which Rachel can then use to continue to support and enhance the nursery's development plan.

### **TRAINING:**

This terms staff meetings will focus on the 'Reflective Practice Cycle.'

We have recently signed up to the National Day Nursery Association's 'Quality Counts' framework.

Quality counts is a setting wide framework for continuous improvement and staff development. The heart of the process is the Reflective Practice Cycle, at whole nursery, room and individual level. The yearlong process will enable us to work together to ensure we are offering the best quality care possible for the children in our setting.

At the end of the year we will be assessed as to whether we are still working towards the Quality Counts statements or we can be accredited with the Quality Counts Mark or Quality Counts Platinum Mark

### **FACEBOOK**

In order to maintain a professional working relationship we have a strict policy which states practitioners are not to become friends with parents on Facebook, we would appreciate it if parents don't send requests as it puts staff in a difficult situation.

### **30 HOURS FUNDING**

Thank you to everyone who has confirmed their 30 hour code, this needs to be reconfirmed every 3 months to ensure the code remains valid.

We would also advise families who would be eligible for the additional funding between now and September 2019 and wish to increase their hours to speak to Rachel ASAP in order to avoid disappointment.

Pre-school places are limited at the moment and unfortunately we can not guarantee that we will be able to accommodate requests for additional sessions however we will always try our best.

### **BABY ROOM AVAILABILITY**

Spaces are filling up quickly over the coming months and we have also had several expectant parents secure a place with us. If there are any families who would like to secure a place within our fantastic Baby Room please let me know.

### **SCHOOL LEAVERS**

We have some very excited Pre-Schoolers who have been telling us all about which big school they will be moving onto. I will be making contact with these schools and inviting their new teachers in to meet the children in the nursery prior to their taster days at school. I will let parents know when these will be over the coming weeks.

We are aware that some of our children will also be moving on to school based pre-schools in September. We would appreciate it if parents could let us know when this has been confirmed so I can then offer any available sessions to families who are on the waiting list.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

#### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June- Half Term**

There will be no funding these week for children who attend term time only. If your term dates vary slightly to these please let me know and I can amend accordingly.

#### **7<sup>th</sup> June (provisional date) - Nursery Photos**

More details to follow shortly.

please book a 10 minute slot with your child's Nurturer.

#### **July - Parent's Evening (date tbc)**

#### **Bank Holidays (Nursery is closed on these dates):**

7<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> May, 27<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July - End of Summer Term (funded only)**



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## 2-3 Room

### Staff



**Sarah**  
Room Leader



**Nichola**  
Deputy Room Leader



**Amy**



**Hannah**



**Angela**

**Welcome back to all the 2-3 children.  
We hope you enjoyed your Easter break.  
The ladies have thoroughly enjoyed hearing all the  
stories the children have been sharing.**

**Last term was such a fun packed time and we  
are looking forward to the next term ahead!**

**Thank you for your continued support.**



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## 2-3 Room

### Our focus book

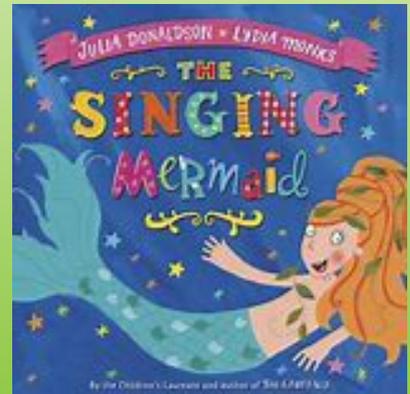
#### Our Focus Book

This term our focus book is

‘The Singing Mermaid.’

By Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks.

Meet the singing mermaid who joins a circus and is captured by the wicked circus owner and the only place she longs to be is the sea.



### What we have been doing in the 2-3 Room

Last term we focused on ‘People who help us’ and what a fun packed term it was!

The children explored many different occupations! We learnt what we would do in the event of an emergency and the crucial number ‘999’ we had a visit from our local fire service and the Dental play box scheme, which were FANTASTIC plus much more...!



## 2-3 Room

### What we have been doing in the 2-3 Room ...



**EGG HUNT!**

The Children embraced the build up to Easter. We decorated our Easter pictures, baked Easter cakes and had lots of fun exploring the indoor and outdoor environment whilst hunting for eggs. The best part was tasting the yummy chocolate eggs!!

We have also started to create some gorgeous Spring pictures using the flowers the children purchased whilst on a walk.



*Spring Flower Painting*



### What we will be doing in the 2-3 Room



Our focus for this term is:  
**'Under The Sea'**

We will be exploring this through smaller topics such as:

- \* Sea Animals
- \* Coral bay
- \* Sea Shells
- \* Different types of fish
- \* Sea transport

Very exciting.....!



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## 2-3 Room

### Ideas for activities at home

#### Ideas for activities at home.

- \* An aquarium/beach day – Shell collecting!
- \* Arts and crafts – Lot's of ideas on Pinterest, we would love to see what the children have created at home!
- \* Read Ocean themed stories, such as 'The Singing Mermaid' & 'Tiddler'
- \* Explore sea creatures and objects through water play



#### Songs & Rhymes

- 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive...
- A sailor went to sea, sea, sea...
- The sun has got his hat on...

We love to explore the garden in all weathers, please can parents provide child/ren with appropriate clothing at all times.

As the weather is taking a turn for the better we would appreciate it if you could provide your child with sun cream (applied prior to coming into nursery) and hats where necessary clearly labelled and placed in their bags.

Staff try their best to ensure all children's belongings are returned to their owner however this can be very difficult when items are not labelled.