Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026

Round up of the week:

Our theme this week has been Dear Zoo, and the children have really enjoyed having lots of animals around the preschool. We have been counting animals, making pens and enclosures, comparing sizes and exploring animal patterns and footprints. The children have also been busy rescuing animals from elastic bands, making habitats with playdough and getting very messy washing animals and finding them hidden in shaving foam!
There has been lots of building too. Boxes, blocks and loose parts have quickly become zoos, animal homes and enclosures, with plenty of discussion about where the different animals should live and what they might need.
We were also very lucky to have a visit from a vet this week. The children loved finding out about what vets do and how they look after animals. The children were able to bandage their own cuddly toys up and use the stethoscopes. We made our own vets in the garden, helping poorly cuddly toys to get better by keeping them cosy in boxes and transporting them around for different treatments!











Outdoor Learning

We have spent lots of time outside this week and have been making the most of our garden.
We explored our wormery, carefully looking to see what was happening inside and, of course, searching for worms! This sparked lots of interest and conversation about what we could see.
We also took Dear Zoo outside. Boxes were hidden around the garden for the children to find and, once we had collected them all, we sat together and took turns opening them as we read the story. The animals were hiding inside and there was lots of excitement waiting to see what would be in each box!
The last box contained a dog, which got us talking about dogs we know. One child excitedly told us, "My nanny's dog is called Oscar!"
Our outdoor play then took a completely different turn when one child announced, "I want to be a builder!" So off we went to the construction area, where everyone got busy building, carrying and creating together.
We love seeing where the children take their play and how one conversation or idea can lead us somewhere completely different.











Other Messages

Our theme next week will be **Nursery Rhymes**. Nursery rhymes are a brilliant way to build children's language, listening and early literacy skills through repetition, rhythm and, most importantly, lots of fun! If your child has a favourite, let us know and we'll be sure to sing it together.

We are continuing with our **Makaton Sign of the Week.** Next week, this will be 'Toilet'. We'd love you to have a go at home too! Watch the CBeebies Makaton sign for 'Toilet'

GOLDEN RULES

1. Be kind:
   - Gentle hands
   - Kind words
   - Caring for our toys



Let's share our smiles with all the world!

2. Be safe:
   - Walking inside
   - Hands to ourselves



Keep our friends and toys safe and sound!

3. Be ready:
   - Listening ears
   - Looking eyes
   - Give things a try



Let's learn and play — we'll reach the sky!

Be kind, be safe, be ready each day —
That's the preschool way!

