



# Bluebirds Day Nursery

## May 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to our May Newsletter!

In May, our theme is Mini-Beasts. We've a lovely art and craft activity for you this month to do with your child at home.

Parents evening is happening soon and after that we will start the big school transition for the children starting school in September 2019. This is when we will start talking about what to expect in the big school. There will be role play of different school activities, eg wearing of uniform, what to have in your school bag, what a PE bag looks like, playground activities and so on. We can't wait to get started!!!

We welcome another member of staff to Bluebirds this month. Shivani is an experienced and qualified Level 3 early years practitioner. Please help us make her feel welcome. She's currently helping in the baby room upstairs while a member of staff takes a short break and later Shivani will go downstairs.

### PLEASE NOTE

- The owner of Arrow Cars opposite the nursery has asked us to appeal to all parents to cease parking their car in front of his business premises.
- There have been a few near miss accidents around the nursery car park & the road near the nursery, that could have been fatal. Please keep a closer eye.
- Please let us be considerate as much as possible to ensure that other parents are not blocked in at the car park.

### Preschool Room

In April, Preschool children made a Under The Sea Display and they added their artwork to it each week.

They made a submarine which they called Submarine Sue and discussed about where submarine go and what they do, for example, they learnt that submarines go under the water.

They also made jelly fish and other sea creatures and spoke about each of them.

For sensory play for the theme, they had ocean foam which was made with shaving foam, blue paint and they added different sea creatures to it.

There was also opportunity to create some yummy Easter treats to celebrate Easter

All in all, everyone had lots and lots of fun during April.

### Toddlers Room

In toddlers' room, children learnt about the different types of sea creatures.

They learnt about plants at the bottom of the ocean called Coral.

Toddlers also learnt about submarines and part of the boats that is under the sea.

### Baby Room

In April, our babies played with bubbles to represent water bubbles and they did water play with different sea creatures.

In Arts & Crafts, they used bubble wraps with blue colours and learnt different songs like Under the Sea and Baby Shark.

They pretended to be different sea creatures and did counting using an octopus toy.

Well done baby room!!!

## Learning at Bluebirds

This month the children will be looking at – **MINI BEASTS!**

### MAKE YOUR VERY OWN HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

**You will need:**

1. An assortment of pompoms of different colours.
2. Googly eyes
3. Pipe cleaners
4. Hot glue



## Let's Get Crafty – HUNGRY CATERPILLAR

Get your child into the Hungry Caterpillar story by making their very own Hungry Caterpillar at home with them.

### How to make them:

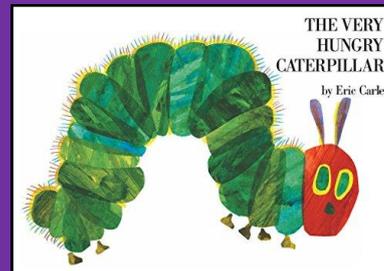
First, use hot glue to glue the pompoms together to create the

caterpillar body. Use a bigger red one for the head if possible and the other colours for the body.

Glue the googly eyes to the head.

Next, attach the antennae. These are made out of black pipe cleaners. Place the pipe cleaner under the caterpillar in the joint between the head and the first body segment. Then wrapped the pipe cleaner around the "neck" and twisted it to hold it in place.

After securing the pipe cleaners, use a pencil to curl them into antennae.



## Dates for Your Diary

### May Half Term Holiday

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

### May Bank Holiday Closure for all children

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### Last Day of Term for funded children

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## URGENT REMINDER!!!

As the warmer months get on the way, we're going to be spending more time in the garden where children have access to a mud kitchen meaning their clothes will get dirty. May we encourage parent to put their children in casual clothes that you don't mind mud stain on and if possible, please bring in light waterproof jacket and wellies.

Parents /carer, please pay attention when signing your child in or out of the nursery to ensure we're not signing another child in or out.

## Reminders

- Please help us return your child's reading book so they can have one each week to help with their learning.
- Our Policy and Procedure folder is located in the entrance hall and all parents are welcome to view this.
- Mobile phones are not allowed to be used in the nursery.
- As summer is approaching, children should come to nursery with summer hat, light coat, sun cream and appropriate clothing for summer. Please label your child's clothes
- Please help us keep the car park free of rubbish by putting all your litter in the big purple bin in the car park.
- Please avoid reversing out of the car park to avoid accidents with our neighbours – thanks
- Please note that although CCTV camera are in operation at the nursery 24/7, items left in the buggy park and the use of the car park are at owner's risk.

