



13th February – 7th April

Butterflies



STAFF IN OUR ROOM

Please have a look at www.parklanekids.co.uk to find out more about the staff.

Debbie Hubbard (senior) level 3

Beth Postle (senior) level 3

Coral Padmore -level 3

Adele Pedley – level 3

Lauren Orridge - apprentice

WHAT THE CHILDREN HAVE PARTICULARLY ENJOYED DURING THE LAST 6 WEEKS

Since our last newsletter, the babies have enjoyed sensory play using rice and shaving foam. We have encouraged babies to explore the space near them by putting interesting things beside them, such as crinkly paper, or light, soft material.

Babies have really enjoyed bubble play and being encouraged to make big actions with bubbles.

OUTCOME FROM OUR PLANNING MEETING (each baby has their own next steps, below are some ideas from our planning meeting that support the room. Individual needs will still be planned for).

As a team we want to support the babies to walk unaided and will be doing so by providing tunnels, slopes and low-level steps to stimulate and challenge toddlers. We will also provide push-along toys and trundle trikes indoors and out.

As always we focus on children's speech and this term will be doing so by, collecting resources that children can listen to and learn to distinguish between. These may include walks in the local area to listen to noises in the street, and games that involve guessing which object makes a particular sound.

When we use nursery rhymes, we will be helping children understand the words by using actions as well. This is to be repeated throughout the day

Staff plan to talk through and comment on some activities to highlight specific vocabulary or language structures, e.g. "You've caught the ball. I've caught the ball. Rosie's caught the ball".

Staff will continue to support early language by teaching babies sign language.

We want to focus on more independent eating. Mealtime seating allows young children to have feet firmly on the floor or foot rest. This aids stability and upper trunk control supporting hand-to-mouth coordination. Babies will have access to a selection of baby dolls and role play food items and equipment to practice hand-eye coordination by feeding the papers. At meal times babies will be encouraged to have a go and try feeding themselves if they don't already.

We want babies to have the opportunities to explore and be creative so plan to place big sheets of plastic or paper on the floor so that babies can be near or crawl on to it to make marks.

KEY DATES

Mothers Day tea party 22nd
March 1-3pm

Parent partnership evening

Tuesday 28th March 6.30-
8pm or Wednesday 5th April
6.30-8pm

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

We would like to learn lullabies that children know from home and share them with others in the setting. Can parents please send us a message on the EYlog with the words and tune you use at home, even if it is made up.

We would love to enhance our display of your baby's family and other special people, so please bring in some photos of the special people in your baby's life.

The staff in Butterflies would like to invite all mums and grandmas to join their babies for a tea party on 22nd March 1-3pm. You are welcome to attend even if your child is not normally in, just make sure you book in with one of the seniors.

Polite Notices

We have some new shoe covers, so need to take off your shoes anymore. Can we please remind all parents not to come into the room with outdoor footwear.

As your baby gets older they grow and develop, please keep your keyperson informed of any milestones at home. A photo and a quick comment on EYlog would be brilliant.

Also, if you have changed nappy sizes please let the girls in the room know.

ROUTINES

We are starting to establish routines that enable children to look after themselves, e.g. putting their clothes and aprons on hooks or washing themselves.

It would be really supportive if parents could help their little ones to find their peg and even try to hang up their coats if they are mobile enough to have a go.

WHAT WE THINK WE CAN DO BETTER

As a staff team we reflected on the last 6 weeks and we think we can do better at communicating important messages between our team, from yourselves. Therefore, we have a new communication book where all messages, notes, change in routines etc. is written and staff now know to check this throughout the day to ensure we meet your requests.

We have now introduced a more rigorous routine of sterilising all the toys in butterflies to help reduce the risk of infection.

If you have any other suggestions, please email us at www.woodlands@parklanekids.co.uk

For more information about the curriculum your children are learning (EYFS) or how they learn please visit our website www.parklanekids.co.uk and look on the parent's page. We have also uploaded lots of interesting articles and factsheets on the early years which include some great activities to play with your children.

You will also find previous newsletters and menu's

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