



## August Update!

### Buttercup



Buttercup have recently been exploring lots of sensory play! We have a variety of sensory activities on offer to encourage this, such as sensory pads, lights, colours, textures and our sensory blocks. This has helped us develop our fine motor skills, co-ordination and cognitive development. Well done, Buttercups!

In September, we will explore the start of Autumn through a variety of outdoor play experiences to help build on our confidence, independence and motor skills! Some of the children have also developed an interest in mini beasts, so we will explore this further and see what creatures we can find!

### Daisy



In August, the Daisy room has been exploring the outdoors and different materials. We have also been welcoming our new children and helping them settle in. The Daisy room has been doing a lot of group time/activities, talking and singing about the weather, lots of counting numbers and our alphabet.

Next month, we will continue to focus on our numbers and letters, doing different activities relating to this. We have a few children moving up to the Snowdrop room, so we will be saying our goodbyes and good lucks to them.

### Snowdrop and Bluebell



As you are all aware, these past few weeks Snowdrop and Bluebell have joined up in the Bluebell room. Staff have really enjoyed forming new relationships with children and, more importantly, Snowdrop and bluebell children have formed new friendships. We are really pleased that the transition went smoothly and children have settled well in the new environment. It's also a pleasure meeting all families. Thanks again for your co-operation!

Snowdrop and Bluebell's learning focus is Farm Life. Staff have been setting up farm-based activities for the children to enjoy and explore! Our children have been learning about the role of a farmer and the different types of animals that live on a farm. We have been discovering what animals need to survive; the children have shown a great understanding that animals need shelter, food and water to survive. Bluebell children visited Gorgie farm to explore farm life. They got to feed the animals and also enjoy a handling experience. Overall, it was a great trip for everyone!

### Staffing Update

We would like to welcome Nadia Ratib, who joins us as a skilled, knowledgeable and experienced person with experience working in a nursery environment, to our team!

We would also like to extend a big congratulations to Lucy and Kimberley and Amy for completing coursework and becoming qualified childcare support workers!



## Parents' Evening

We are pleased to announce that we will be restarting face-to-face parents' evenings. Our room staff will be getting in contact with you sometime soon to arrange dates and times. We look forward to feeding back to you in person.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For our term-time children only, please remember that the September weekend falls on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September and as such your children will not attend those days.