



## December Update!

### Buttercup

Buttercup, over the last couple of weeks we have been doing lots of sensory play with the children they have all been loving learning about all the different textures, lights, and they have been loving messy play with play-dough, shaving foam, glitter, rice and painting as they all went around painting each other. We will be doing lots of Christmassy activities over the Christmas period such as moving and exploring Christmas activities, food tasting, arts and crafts, Christmas songs, more painting, snow dough, unwrapping our story book advent calendar, watching Christmas movies and we are going to make shortbread. We are going to try our best by taking the children out can you please ensure they have warm jackets and also don't forget their Christmas tops and jumpers.

### Daisy

We have been really loving our story book advent calendar and listening to all our new stories, our tree has been really popular and we are exploring the different baubles, practising taking them off and onto the tree. We will be doing lots of sensory play over the coming weeks, exploring different textures and smells as we play. We are also learning lots of new Christmas songs, reindeer hockey pokey, Santa got stuck up the chimney and jingle bells are some of our favourites. As we explore our garden and surrounding parks we would please ask all children to come in with weather appropriate clothes which is labelled. So we can explore the colder weather.

### Snowdrop

Snowdrop room have been busy making loads of Christmas crafts and have enjoyed getting in the Christmas spirit. We have had video messages from Santa and have loved seeing what jingle our cheeky elf has been up to. We are also working really hard on name recognition and trying to copy our names.

### Bluebell

Bluebell have been learning about Hansel and Gertel as the panto was getting closer and reading the story so they had an understanding of what to expect. We have also been baking shortbreads and discussing other festive foods that we have with our Christmas dinner.

the children have shown a real interest in creative play recently and we have been working on developing their pencil control and adding more details into their pictures. With this we have been adding literacy and numeracy with different stampers or discussing how many of each item they have drew.

### Staffing Update

It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Rebecca from our Buttercup Room at the end of this month. Rebecca is moving on to pastures new and we would like to wish Rebecca all the very best.

We will be welcoming Rebecca Young in January to our Buttercup Room who will be working a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We will also be welcoming Megan Wood who will be joining our Bluebell Room.

Alix will be moving to our Daisy room in January to work as a nursery practitioner following her recent qualification.

### COVID 19

Everyone living in the same household as anyone with COVID-19 (of any variant) will now have to complete ten days isolation without exception. This includes children of any age, including those aged under five. In effect, children cannot attend nursery when there are people with COVID-19 isolating in the same home as themselves.

Please continue to adhere to our preventative measures in place at the nursery. Please use the hand sanitiser available, wear a face covering at drop off and pick up and keep a 2 metre distance.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Christmas closure dates

Term Time - 17<sup>th</sup> December - 5<sup>th</sup> January

December 2021

**All other children – Closed Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**Nursery re-opens – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

*We hope you find this interesting and please do speak with a member of staff if you would like further details or if you would like to comment or make suggestions for future topics.*