

# Hardingstone Day Nursery

## Little Ladybirds

This week in the little ladybirds we have been busy mark making on our Father's Day cards, the children enjoyed this so much we have also given them the opportunity to freely explore the paint. We have been using our hands, arms, brushes, stampers and shapes to create different marks.

We have also been having lots of fun with the treasure baskets. The favourite this week is the bathroom basket. We've pretended to wash and brush our hair, wash our bodies and clean our teeth. We love the turtles and singing "Tiny Tim" Please could you ensure that any medicines, teething powders etc are not left in nursery bags. The children do have access to the baskets, so it is standard safety practices.

## Happy Hedgehogs

Happy Hedgehogs have explored an assortment of hand puppets this week, with new puppet friends Penelope and Melanie. If you have any loose or odd socks at home, please could we utilise them to create individual hand puppets for children to explore and take home.

The children are showing an interest in dressing up in a variety of clothing and footwear. If you have anything you would like to donate to extend on their interests (especially shoes), then please feel free to bring them in.

We are really enjoying our music bugs session, which is now on a Monday. We are learning a new song about trains and stations!

## Busy Bees

Busy bees have shown interest in watering the plants in the vegetable patch and checking if the strawberries have turned red yet.

While In the vegetable patch, the children have enjoyed using the watering cans to water the different vegetables. We have spoken about plants needing water to grow. The children have begun to understand that if we dig in the patches the vegetable may not grow. The children are looking forward to finding more "red" strawberries that we can eat at snack times.

If you are growing any items at home, please upload any photos on tapestry of your child involved in caring for the plants to aide our discussions at nursery

## Wise Owls

Please be advised that Music Bugs sessions are now taking place on a Tuesday. The children in attendance have been split into 2 groups and will access a session on alternate weeks.

We will be holding our story week next week; we invite children to bring in their favourite stories from home. Children going to school in Sept 18 will receive their bookstart treasure pack.

Over the next few week's we will also be exploring Summer and the World Cup. Please send in any photos from home that we can link to those topics to extend the children's learning through discussions of their own experiences.

## All groups

Thank you to all parents for their support following the outcome of our inspection being published, and for sharing our success with your lovely comments both verbally and via e-mail. The Chronicle and Echo are visiting us on Monday to write an article.

I hope all children have been able to collect their celebratory bear. If your child is bringing the bear back into nursery, please ensure it is clearly labelled with their name to avoid any confusion! We would also be more than happy for parents to 'share the bear' on any social network sites you use to help advertise our setting.

We are very much looking forward to planning more exciting things to continue to improve our provision. If there are any suggestions you would like to make, please do so and we will try our best to incorporate these suggestions into our self-evaluation form.

We would like to politely inform/remind parents that we do not allow cakes/sweets/chocolates to be bought in on birthdays/leaving days to share with other children. Thank you