



## Tiggers @ Tetbury Spring Newsletter

Another incredibly busy term here at Tiggers @ Tetbury!! But first we will start off by telling you what our busy **babies** have been getting up to during these past couple of months. We would like to welcome Tracy, the new Room Leader to Babies and we look forward to seeing what fun things she brings to the room. The focus book over the last month has been Elmer the Elephant and the babies have been doing lots of craft based on this book, including painting using mega blocks and dabbers and sticking with rice and pasta. The babies have also been using their senses to explore lots of messy play such as oats, weetabix, gloop and baked beans.

Tracy and her team have been singing lots of songs with the babies and

teaching them new actions. They have a song a week that they focus on and the most recent one was '5 little men in a flying saucer'.



Tracy's future plans for babies are to explore our senses even more with different messy play activities such as jelly, play dough and chopped tomatoes.

Babies will also be exploring new foods with different sensory activities and will have a go at making flapjack. The new theme is going to be 'under the sea' so look out for all of the fun activities Tracy and the team have planned for this!

Rolling into our **Toddler Room**, Lauren and the children have been **SUPER** busy! They had their first Christmas stay and play for the parents which was really successful with lots of parents coming to get involved, thank you to those that attended. The children have enjoyed exploring and cooking food from around the world and painting with vegetables.

Toddlers have also introduced a sing and sign session into their daily routine and spent lots of time learning new games and songs with the parachute play. Lauren and her team have been making the most of the snow by wrapping up warm to go out and explore the grassed area!



Lauren's future plans for Toddlers are to introduce the use of a 'Chatterbox' which will help the children and parents that are facing changes such as another sibling arriving or moving house and also to have a themed week at the beginning of February to celebrate the Winter Olympics

Moving into **Mini-Nursery** now where Josie and her team have been extremely busy! The children have been working really hard over the past few months with lots of Christmas crafts including making decorations, cards and calendars. We hope the parents enjoyed their masterpieces! The children got very excited when making a volcano for a science project and really enjoyed watching it bubble and fizz. Mini's have recently introduced the potty project to support the children within the room that are toilet training and the sticker charts have been very popular. Mini Nursery have also been enjoying the snow

and playing outside in the garden.



Josie's future plans for Mini Nursery are to introduce number activities and practise counting with the children. Mini's also have lots of exciting themed weeks coming up including around the world, under the sea, my family and our favourite things to do. They are looking forward to talking to the children and finding out about their hobbies and what they like to do at the weekends.

**Pre School** have had a very exciting term too! They have been looking at the winter season, how winter is different to the other seasons and what things have changed. The children were very excited when they made the fizzy potions, mixing the ingredients together to see what they can come up with. Lou Lou and the children have been working really hard practising using scissors and have had lots

of activities to improve their cutting skills.

Pre School have also been practising their pen control with lots of writing and mark making activities to support this.

Lou Lou's future plans are to continue with the winter theme and start to look at winter animals as well as those animals that hibernate for the winter. Pre School will learn all about hibernation including what it means. This term pre school will be focussing on sizes and shapes with lots of fun activities planned.



As well as all of that Lou Lou has planned lots of cooking activities to explore new foods and expand their taste buds.

And finally, our **Pre Prep** room! Vicky has welcomed Alina and some new class members into Pre Prep. We hope they have all settled in quickly to the new room.

Pre Prep have started the reading scheme and all of the children seem very

motivated to further their knowledge of the letters and sounds.

Vicky and her team have been helping the children to practice their letter formation, in particular practising to write their own names.

Pre Prep have also been expanding their cooking skills and making their own meals such as pizza, after all we are a 'food for life' nursery!

Vicky's future plans are to celebrate Chinese New Year. They will have lots of fun activities planned including oriental cooking, learning some Chinese symbol writing and learning all about the Chinese traditions and the different culture. As well as Chinese New Year the children will also be starting a mini garden to grow food for Sheldon the Tortoise and will also practising their sound blending and reading.



## A few polite reminders:

- ♥ Please remember to check the notice boards in all of the rooms, the staff use this area to display important reminders and updates that may not get mentioned during handovers.
- ♥ A reminder that all of the children need indoor and outdoor shoes and a hat for outdoor play which all needs to be labelled please.
- ♥ Please can you ensure that your child's shoes and coats are clearly labelled, as we have a few children who have the same items which can cause confusion on who's is who's!
- ♥ Please can you take your child's orange communication books home as notices from the staff are written in these, it is also a great way for you to communicate back what the children have enjoyed doing at home or if they have learnt something new.
- ♥ Toddlers are in need of some more books and home corner items so if you have any that you would be willing to donate we would be very grateful.
- ♥ Please can you inform us if your child attends another setting as we would really like to communicate with them through the orange communication book. This will really help your child if we are all working together.
- ♥ **Toddlers** – Please can you let a member of the Toddler Team know if you are planning a holiday as I'm sure your child would love to take the holiday Peppa Pig with them on their adventure.
- ♥ **Pre School** – As the children come into Pre School they start their journey of becoming ready for school, we believe that it is important to help them to become more independent so that it makes the transition to school easier for the

children and not such a shock that they suddenly have to do everything by themselves. To support this we ask that you work alongside us and encourage the children to start doing little things for themselves such as walking into the classroom rather than being carried, Looking for their own name and finding and attempting to change their own shoes. By the time they leave us to go to school they will be doing all of this without a second thought which will then give them more confidence when they go to big school!

- ♥ **Pre School and Pre Prep** have asked all for the children to bring in a PE kit so they can complete PE every week. Please can you ensure your child has a PE kit in nursery for them to join in with the sessions and also a pair of wellies for outdoor play.
- ♥ For the older children, please

remember to bring your book bag back to nursery so the staff can help your child progress with their reading.

- ♥ Lastly, please can parents ensure that they are following our strict finger print entry system and make sure they close the door each time they enter or depart, our main priority is to keep the children safe within our care and we need your cooperation to do so effectively.

Thank you! 😊



## Spring Term Dates for your diary:

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year

We will be celebrating across the nursery with different activities.

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day

The children will be invited to come to nursery dressed as their favourite character from a book.

### W/C Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March

### Mother's Day play sessions!

Play sessions from 9-10 and 3-4 for mums to stay and play. Please book a time slot with Levi if you would like to attend. **Only available on the days your child usual attends.**

### Red nose Day – March TBC

Children will be invited to dress in red for this day for a donation for comic relief.

Date will be confirmed nearer the time.

### Bank Holidays

Please be aware that the following dates are bank Holidays so Tiggers will be closed: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### Parents Evening

The next parent's evening will be held in on **8<sup>th</sup> May**.

Open house, 6.15-7.30 pm  
[adults only].

**W/C 11<sup>th</sup> June – Fathers  
Day Play Sessions!**

Sessions from 9-10 and 3-4 for dads to stay and play. Please book a time slot with Levi if you would like to attend. **Only available on the days your child usual attends.**

In other news, Levi and Lou Lou are 'attempting' to run the London Marathon

this April! Please feel free to sponsor them to help raise money for their chosen charities! We will also be holding a few fund-raising events between now and then to help support them.



Good luck ladies!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/levi-stevens>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/louise-savory1>

Have a great term!  
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