



Butterfly Barns Day Nursery



NURSERY NEWS May 2021



Diary Dates

Pajamarama Day- 14th May
Outdoor classroom day - 20th May
Vesak Festival - 26th May

Welcome

We would like to welcome all our new parents and children who will be joining us throughout April. We hope you enjoy your time here with us at Butterfly Barns.

This month we celebrate the following birthdays:

We would like to wish a very 'Happy Birthday' to our children born in May:
Butterflies: Maya, Bade, Joshua, Loki
Caterpillars: Meabh
Bumble Bees: Sylvie, Harvey

'Happy Birthday to you'

Highlight of the Month

In April at Butterfly Barns the children were really excited to be able to go out for walks again and explore the environment around them! They enjoyed walks through the Bourne Valley nature reserve and walking around the recreation ground! They have all enjoyed spending more time outside in the garden areas and exploring new activities!

As the weather gets better, we are going to be spending lots more time outside and we will be extending our learning to the outside space, using inside and outdoor activities outside and decorating the garden with more learning resources! We will also begin to fill our flower boxes with new plants ready for summer.

A few little reminders:

Suncream and Sunhats- We supply sun cream for the children at nursery however, if you wish your child to wear their own for allergy reasons etc, please can you make staff aware of this and provide an alternative at Factor 50.

Please can we ask parents to ensure a sun hat is provided, with the weather getting warmer, we still have some children without a hat. Due to Covid-19, we do ask that the children wear their own.

PE Kits- PE sessions will be beginning to prepare for school readiness in our Butterflies room. Please can we ask that a change of clothes is provided to help the children become independent with changing.

Pajamarama Day - We will be having a PJ day at nursery! We will be hosting the dress up day on the 14th of May - we will also be having lots of stories throughout the day & making up our own story books and bookmarks. We ask for a £1 donation that will go towards BookTrust to help support all children having access to books.

Home photos - We are continuously updating our display boards in all of our rooms with photos of families. It is lovely for children to see home life in the nursery setting - and provides lots of opportunity for children to discuss their home life with their friends! Please feel free to email the office with any photos you may have to the following email:

colchester@butterflydaynurseries.co.uk



If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Tel: 01206 764191 Email: enquiries@butterflybluedaynursery.co.uk

Room Highlights

Bumblebees



In the Bumblebee room in April, the children have loved being able to get outside more in the sunshine! We have refilled the sand tray in the garden and the children have really loved exploring it using different tools to scoop and pour!

We have created a lovely new display which is been built up from different craft activities from our theme over the last few weeks! The children loved creating and designing their own farm animals; their favourite part was the googly eyes!

In May we will be celebrating the Vesak Festival which is a Buddhist festival! We will be using colourful paint to create Lotus flowers.

Caterpillars



In the Caterpillars room in April the children have enjoyed their theme of Nursery rhymes, they have been doing lots of practicing and are able to fill in missing words and phrases! The next theme was Farm animals and the children had some beautiful activities set out for them to explore they enjoyed exploring the ideas of size and quantities!

The children in the Caterpillar room have also been decorating and have enjoyed designing their own jungle den/display. They enjoyed exploring the jungle animals and they have been able to identify various animal families!

In May the Caterpillar room are going to be focusing on gardening and process of how plants and flowers grow!

Butterflies



Butterflies have been very excited to explore a variety of Forest School activities, ranging from flower dissection to natural resource threading. We have also been enjoying our P.E lessons - using changes of clothes in our bags to practice get ourselves dressed & undressed as part of our school readiness. We have practiced balancing, turn taking & used our listening & attention skills to remember stages of obstacle courses.

Our topic has been animals - each week exploring different types of animals from jungle to sea. We have made lots of artwork linked into this, from our jellyfish to jungle collages!

We explored nursery rhymes, and sang all of our favorite songs - even making up our own.

We spent the month focusing on the S A T P phonic sounds - and we will be continuing these sounds next month, to ensure the children have a firm knowledge of these. We like to practice our phonics throughout our day by incorporating it into when we call names and get ready for lining up.

In May the Butterflies will be finishing off our dinosaur's topic and then looking into 'people who help us'!

Sound Of The Week

Butterflies will be exploring a sound of the week to help with their phonic skills; we have repeated the sounds from last month to ensure the children have full understanding:

Week 1 (3rd May)- 'S'

Week 2 (10th May)- 'A'

Week 3 (17th May)- 'P'

Week 4 (24th May)- 'T'

At home, you could begin to think of objects and words that begin with each sound. Why not go on a sound hunt, and see what objects you can find either around your home or when out on a walk.. "Look theres a squirrel, what sound does that begin with?" etc.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01206 790174. Alternatively you can email us at colchester@butterflydaynurseries.co.uk