



# Redhill Day Nursery



## Spring Newsletter 2019

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2019

We have had a super busy start to the Year and we hope you enjoy reading all about our upcoming plans for the nursery and some of the adventures the children have been on so far this year.



We are really embracing the season of Spring and having a really good clear out and update of the Nursery and the resources within it.

These are just some of the exciting projects that are underway:

- ◆ Ruby Room Messy Play Station
- ◆ Emerald Room Clear out
- ◆ Diamond Room update
- ◆ Garden redesign

We have ongoing plans for both the front and rear garden and would greatly appreciate any donations of the following items

Saucepans, frying pans and metal cullenders and sieves

Wooden kitchen utensils

Metal kitchen utensils

Funnels or tubes

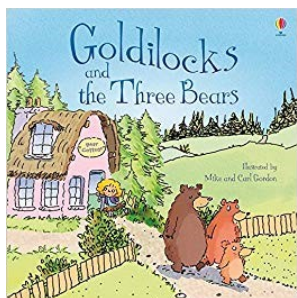




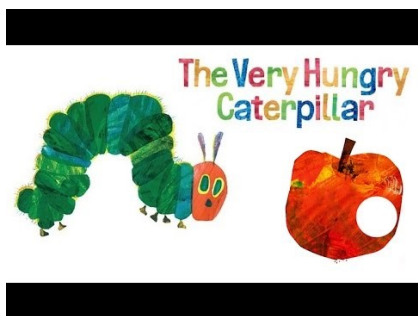
WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
7 MARCH 2019



As well as all the usual outdoor exploration, messy play, singing, story time and generally enjoying and exploring the space the children had a fabulous week of book themed activities to celebrate world book.



Eating Porridge  
Dry Porridge Play  
Bear Pancakes



Caterpillar painting  
Butterfly handprints  
Fruit tasting  
Fruit Printing



Julia Donaldson





# Ruby Room

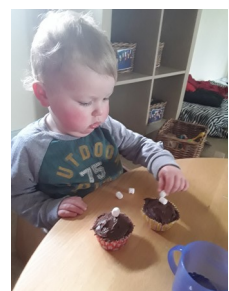


## Heuristic Play -

We have reintroduced heuristic play into our baby room. Heuristic learning encompasses the notion of exploratory play which is self-directed by the child. Our first set of objects are all natural and wooden bath items which we have placed into a '**treasure basket**'. This basket get brought out and placed within reach of the children for them to explore under close observations of the adults. We will be developing other treasure baskets of everyday objects or combinations of objects, to stimulate the children's senses.

This of course will all be done alongside:

- Messy play - oat play, water play, shaving foam etc
- Creative play - painting, printing, sticking, colouring
- Storytime - sharing stories
- Music time - listening to and playing with music
- Singing time - sharing songs and rhymes
- Cooking - making and icing Gruffalo cupcakes



# Emerald Room



## Following the Children's Interests ....

A number of our toddlers have a real fascination with Dinosaurs and we have followed and explored this interest.

The children have used the dinosaurs' to stomp out foot prints, they have painted dinosaurs, made dinosaur collages and enjoyed lots of dinosaur stories and books.



The best thing about following this approach is that we never know where it will take us, but the children stay engaged and interested.



Our toddlers love digging and scooping so we are hoping to build on this them planting up the garden will bulbs and flowers.



# Diamond Room



## Fine Motor Development

In Diamond room we have had a real focus with developing fine motor skills. **Fine motor skills** are essential for performing everyday skills like self care tasks (e.g. clothing fastenings, using cutlery) and academic skills (e.g. pencil skills of drawing, writing and colouring).

The children have all demonstrated good core strength and shoulder strength during their yoga exercises and outdoor exploration which provides the stable base from which the arm and hand can then move with control. So the obvious next step is to work on their fine motor development providing lots of opportunities with mark making tools, pipettes, tweezers and pegs.



# Easter Extravaganza

This year for Easter the garden will be part way through the redevelopment and out of action!

So instead we have decided to hold a scavenger hunt where the children will search for and collect a selection of objects, we will provide a list and a bag to collect them in.



We will base the scavenger hunt at Redhill Park with free parking and access to public toilets. A team of staff will be based there ready to hand out the scavenger hunt packs. On collecting all the items the children will return to the team to collect a golden egg.

The golden egg will then be brought to Redhill Day Nursery which we will have set it up as an Easter café.



There will be teas, coffees and a selection of cakes for the grown ups. The children will have the chance to make and eat their own Shredded wheat Easter Nest.



Invites and time slots will be issued nearer the time.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with events and activities.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/RedhillDayNursery>

Do not forget to share your pictures with us on Tapestry of any special events that you attend over the coming months.

Month	Event	Date
April 2019	Easter Scavenger Hunt	Saturday 13th April
April 2019	School Readiness Evening	TBC
May 2019	Parents Evenings	TBC
July 2019	School Leavers Party	Saturday 27th July
September 2019	Concept Photography	Saturday 7th September
October 2019	Pumpkin Carving Competition	Thursday 31st October
December 2019	Christmas Fayre	Saturday 14th December

#### AVAILABILITY 2019

The Nursery is getting really busy but we do have some limited spaces:

Ruby Room - Limited availability until Sept

Emerald Room - Sessions available NOW across the week

Diamond Room - Limited availability until October

Don't forget to refer a friend for your £100 referral reward.

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**That's all for now,  
Tabitha, Lisa and the Redhill day nursery team**

