



Merrydale Newsletter

Welcome to our nursery newsletter. We are excited to share updates on what the children have been learning and enjoying along with important dates and reminders. Please let us know if there is anything in particular you would like us to include next term!

Important moments: **Baby Room Stay and Play**



Fathers Day Stay And Play

10:30 - 11:30 | Monday 15th June

Its Time to Brunch
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🌱 Sustainability 🌱

We are committed to teaching children about sustainability by encouraging recycling, creative junk modelling, and hands-on activities that show how everyday actions can help the planet. Through learning to care for our environment, children develop lifelong habits of responsibility, respect, and environmental awareness.

Some of the things that we have been doing:

- Looking after chicks helped us learn about life cycles, the importance of caring for living animals, and the valuable role animals play in our environment.
- We had the best time during our plant and grow session, our outdoor area definitely looks brighter
- plenty of walks learning about flowers, plants and spotting all of the signs of spring
- more junk modelling to promoting environmental awareness



Huge congratulations to Tash. She has worked so hard over the past 12 months and has now become a fully qualified SENco. She has gained so much knowledge and understanding and has taken on board everything she has learnt to put into her everyday practice. She also had to do public speaking in front of around 40 people which in itself is a huge deal.



Our Employee of the month is..... 🏆🏆🏆🏆

😊😊😊 **HAYLEY** 😊😊😊

Hayley works so hard and she never stops. Hayley is so good with the children and she always meets their needs and encourages them to join in. We love that she is always willing to step in if staff need her help with anything. She always comes in to nursery with a smile on her face and gives it her 100%.

We are very lucky to have Hayley as part of our Merrydale team 😊

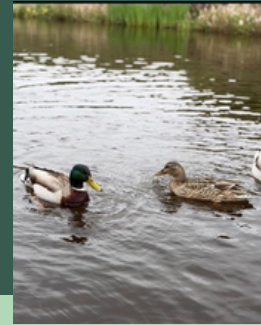
Baby Room Learning:

This half term in the baby room we have been exploring the concept of "The Arts." The children have enjoyed taking part in lots of creative activities including junk modelling, dancing, music sessions and role play. These experiences have helped the children to express themselves, explore different textures and sounds, and build confidence through imaginative play.

Alongside this, we introduced a room focus on "New Beginnings." This has been especially meaningful as many of our children, and some staff members, have welcomed new additions to their families. Through stories, discussions and role play, the children have been learning about families, caring for others and welcoming a new baby.

We have also enjoyed many walks along the canal to Marsden. During these walks the children have seen lots of animals including dogs, ducks, horses and cows. The children also had the opportunity to feed the ducks with duck feed that was kindly given to us. Our walks provide many learning opportunities as the children explore nature, learn about animals and their sounds, and discover more about the world around them.

It has been a lovely half term and we are very excited for the next one as we begin learning about the concept of "Growth."



"Play is our brains favourite way of learning" – Diane Ackerman



Home learning:

Junk modelling

Collect some of your recycling to be reused into junk models or to be repurposed. For example, Kitchen roll tubes could be used for binoculars, a cardboard box could be a house for a teddy.

Intention: Teaching children about recycling and reusing resources helps build lifelong habits that support a more sustainable future.



Preschool Learning:

This term, our preschool children have enjoyed exploring our concept "The Arts." Through a wide range of creative experiences, they have developed their imagination, self-expression and confidence skills, while of course, having lots of fun!

The children experimented with different art materials and techniques including painting, drawing and colouring, junk modelling, printing and sculpture making! They explored colour mixing, patterns, textures and shapes, while learning how artists use these materials to create their work. We encouraged the children to share their own ideas and talk about what they're doing in the moment, helping to build their communication and imagination skills.

Music played a huge part in our learning. The children enjoyed singing songs and moving to different styles of music. They have particularly loved their dance parties and learning new songs for group time, encouraging them to get up and dance in front of their friends – this builds the children's confidence and it is so lovely to see their face light up when it's their turn!

Throughout the concept, the children demonstrated curiosity, creativity and a willingness to try new things. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm they have shown and the wonderful art work, dance moves and ideas they have shared. We can't wait to see what our new concept "Growth" holds!