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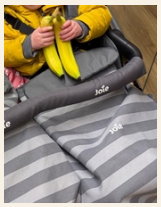
AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

SUSTAINABILITY






At Merrydale, we are exploring sustainability through fun, everyday experiences that help children learn about caring for our environment and the communities around us.

🏡 Building a sense of belonging

We have been building homes using boxes, sparking conversations about our families, traditions and what makes us feel safe and happy.

🍎 Apple Orchard Adventures

Preschool enjoyed visiting the apple orchard, rolling apples, exploring different sizes, splashing in muddy puddles and investigating the great outdoors.



🌿 Our Little Eco-Heroes

Our Preschool and Baby Room Eco-Heroes have been busy watering plants and learning how to care for living things.

🥕 Shopping Locally

Baby Room visited the local greengrocers to explore fresh foods, learn about shopping locally and enjoy tasting new flavours.

🎨 Painting with Spices

We have been getting creative with spices, exploring natural colours, smells and textures while discovering a more sustainable, low-waste alternative to traditional paints.

Through these little experiences, we are helping our children develop a love for nature, their community and the world around them. 🌍

🍂 HOME LEARNING – PATTERN MAKING 🍂



Enjoy a crisp autumn walk and collect some natural treasures such as pine cones, acorns, sticks and leaves.
When you get home, have fun creating different patterns using your collections. Can you compare their sizes, shapes and colours? Can you make a repeating pattern?
Happy exploring! 🍁



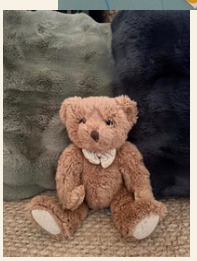
PRESCHOOL: MINI MOVES

ON THE LEAD UP TO CHRISTMAS, WE WILL BE CLOSELY FOCUSING OUR TEACHING ON DEVELOPING THE CHILDREN'S FINE MOTOR SKILLS THROUGH A NEW ACTIVITY EVERY WEEK. FINE MOTOR SKILLS IS ARGUABLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS A CHILD CAN LEARN AT THIS AGE AS IT HELPS THEM GAIN INDEPENDENCE, SUPPORT SCHOOL READINESS AND MASSIVELY IMPROVE THEIR SELF-CARE!



BABY ROOM: BERTIE BEAR OUR BEDTIME BUDDY

🧸 BERTIE BEAR WILL BE SENT HOME EVERY WEEK WITH SOMEONE NEW.
WE WOULD LIKE BERTIE AND YOUR CHILD TO FIND THEIR FAVOURITE STORY BOOK AND THEN BRING IT INTO NURSERY SO WE CAN SHARE THIS BOOK WITH ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S FRIENDS AND TEACHERS.✨



🍂 IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 🍂

🎄**FAMILY SING** 🗓️ TUESDAY 8TH DECEMBER FROM 6:30 - 7:30PM🎺
🎄**MEADOW COURT PRESENT DELIVERY** 🎅 WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
🎄**BABY ROOM STAY AND PLAY AND SANTA VISIT** 🗓️ FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 🕰️ - 10AM-12AM- PLEASE LET BABY ROOM KNOW IF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING
🎄**PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SANTA VISIT!** 🗓️ FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER 🕰️ - DROP OFF AT: 12PM - PICK UP AT 3PM... PLEASE RSPVP THROUGH THE FAMLY APP
🎄**PYJAMAS WEEK** 14TH DECEMBER, PLEASE WEAR YOUR PYJAMAS OR SOMETHING COSY. WE WILL BE UNWINDING, PLAYING CHRISTMAS GAMES AND ENJOYING CHRISTMAS MUSIC 🎶

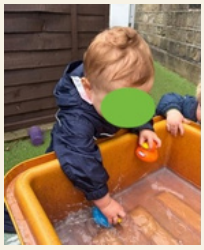
BABY ROOM LEARNING

Throughout our concept 'Belonging in Communities', both the children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our local community of Slaithwaite through a variety of exciting learning experiences. We transformed our home corner into a green grocer's shop, our mud kitchen into Anello's, water area into the canal and created our very own car map of Slaithwaite, bringing familiar places into our baby room.

Our weekly 'Fulfilled Days' have also provided staff with the opportunity to plan meaningful, ambitious experiences based on the children's individual interests, next steps and stages of development.

Our focus book, 'Elmer', encouraged the children to explore individuality and uniqueness, learning that everybody is special in their own way and that it is okay to be different.

Overall, we have absolutely loved this concept and the creativity, curiosity and learning opportunities it has brought to our baby room. We cannot wait to see what exciting adventures our next concept will bring!











CONCEPT: BELONGING IN COMMUNITIES

Our learning concept, 'Belonging in Communities', links to all seven areas of the EYFS. Through exploring their families, local community and the people around them, children will develop their Personal, Social and Emotional Development by building relationships and a sense of belonging; Communication and Language through sharing experiences and learning new vocabulary; Understanding the World by exploring people, places and cultures; Literacy through stories and mark-making; Mathematics through counting and exploring numbers in everyday community experiences; Expressive Arts and Design through creative activities and role-play; and Physical Development through community walks, outdoor exploration and active play. These experiences will support children in developing their understanding of themselves and their place within the wider world.







PRESCHOOL ROOM LEARNING

This term the preschoolers have loved our concept "Belonging in Communities."

We have learnt all about our community, from our families and friends at nursery, to our village and the wider world around us. We have been on lots of exciting outings, our visit to the local orchard gave the children the opportunity to explore the environment and understand more about places in our village. We have also been learning about different jobs roles, discussing the emergency services, the police have been a real interest for the children, they have loved our police station play that was set up continuously throughout this concept.

We have also celebrated our families, recognising that every family is different and special in its own way. Through these experiences, we have been encouraging the children to develop their confidence, build relationships, appreciate similarities and differences and, most importantly, understand that they are unique individuals who belong to something bigger. We want every child to recognise that they are an important part of their family, nursery and wider community. We have also been exploring the different types of homes people live in, looking at how homes can be similar or different. The children have had opportunities to use their imagination to build their own homes using a range of materials and resources both indoor and outdoor. This has encouraged them to think about why home is important, while developing their understanding that everyone has a different place they call home and belongs to their own family and community.

What a lovely concept, full of learning and ambitious opportunities, we can't wait to share the next one with you!