



# Newsletter

## July 2019

Hi everyone, it's been a strange month weather wise but this hasn't stopped any of the fun at The Railway Nursery. In fact the sun and rain has brought a variety of activity ideas. All the children have had the chance to explore the garden lots this month and the rain has brought lots of water play and jumping in puddles. The sun was shining for our beach day too where we role played beach, took part in beach craft and loved having water and sand on the floor in the rooms. Lots of happy smiley pictures taken that day.

We hope you are all having a wonderful summer and enjoying your holidays!



## Our team

Two staff members this month have won our staff vote - Well done Nina and Georgia. All the staff have commented on the outstanding level of activities provided for the children to explore. The staff team have also commented on how helpful both staff members have been as well as offering support to everyone. Thank you for your hard work.

As you know, we have had some new faces join our team recently.

**Alessandra** is one of our relief nursery assistants and supports all rooms covering training days, busy lunch periods and staff holidays. Alessandra is incredibly caring and loves to play with the children, following their interests and ideas.

**Beth** is a new member of the team who will mainly be working in the pre-school room over the summer period. You may also see her supporting our staff in other rooms over this busy time. Beth has recently graduated from university and is pursuing teaching after the summer. She is enjoying her time here at The Railway Nursery.

Please do say hello to our new members of staff. They are enjoying getting to know the children and we hope you will get to know them more as the weeks progress.

### Babies - News from the baby room

The book of the month has been 'Muffin's Hide and Seek'. The babies have focused on this book as Muffin spends lots of time in the garden. This month we have had lots of outdoor play, enjoying the sensory experience of sand and water. The babies enjoyed mixing the two together too.

We have been enjoying the summer sun, creating summer pictures by using bright coloured paint with brushes and sponges. The children have also enjoyed the wet weather too, splashing and learning to jump in puddles.

Next month we will be looking at 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', a book we are sure you will all know. We will be taking part in creative activities, making caterpillars and butterflies and also testing out new foods, taking a trip to the fruit and veg shop in the village. This is also a good book for us to take part in sensory activities with the babies, exploring the textures of new foods and the natural environment.

The baby staff are sad to see some of the babies move to toddlers and are very proud of all their developments. They look forward to welcoming our new starters to the nursery and introducing them to the room.

Tasha, Lydia and Mary :)

### Toddlers - News from the toddler room

Toddlers book for this month has been "Peppa and the big train". The toddlers have been using different transport vehicles to explore in various ways such as to make marks in paint and to explore different textures such as sand and foam. The toddlers have been to the local library to look for transport related books, looked at different vehicles on their way to and from 'Bramhall by the Beach' sand play event and enjoyed a trip on a bus to Stockport to the water fountains.

Next month they have chosen the book “Opposites” by Roald Dahl” to link in with Roald Dahl day on the 13th of September.

Debi, Niamh, Nina and Charlotte

### Pre-School - News from the pre-school room

Pre-school have had lots of fun exploring their ‘Make and Create’ theme this month. You may have noticed that on the windowsill in the pre-school room a collection of models has appeared as the children have used a variety of resources to cut, stick, paint and paper mache their creations. Marta, Terri and Julie have particularly excelled in their ideas to encourage the children’s imagination throughout this theme. Even though we are moving on from this theme I am sure we will continue to enjoy creative and messy play. The theme for next month is ‘TOY STORY’. Lots of the children have enjoyed seeing the new Toy Story film. We look forward to taking part in lots of small world and imaginative play.

Our focus letter for our phonics sessions has been the letter ‘s’. The children have enjoyed looking at objects beginning with ‘s’ in the magic box and also coming up with their own words including, sea, scissors, sand, snake. Next month we will be looking at the letter ‘t’.

Georgia has been on a Makaton course this month and has learnt lots of signs that she will be introducing the pre-school room and the rest of nursery. Makaton helps support the children’s speech and language. Singing songs with Makaton actions has been a favourite and some of the pre-school children were very happy when we learnt that ‘Singing Hands’ signed to the song ‘shotgun’. ‘Singing Hands’ is a great way to learn Makaton and you can find them on youtube to learn some new signs.

Terri and Georgia would also like to thank the pre-school parents for their support in their current new roles.

Terri, Ceri, Julie, Georgia, Marta and Olivia.

Please could we remind you.....

### Notice Period

We would like to remind parents that our notice period for changing days at nursery or leaving the nursery is 2 months. As you may be aware, we are very full and have waiting lists in place for parents who are awaiting spaces in the future so if you do know your child will be leaving, please let us know

to help us manage our waiting lists. We do sometimes have availability for extra sessions on certain days so please speak to a member of the team if you would like to enquire about an extra session for your child.

### Front door policy

We have a number of new families that have joined our lovely Railway Nursery, we would like you to join us in giving a warm welcome! Please can we give a gentle remind to all of our nursery families about the nursery front door policy. Only Railway Nursery staff are allowed to let anybody into the nursery building. If you are on your way out of the building and see somebody at the door, please can you get the attention of any staff member to let them in. Thank you to all of our families for their continued support.

We have a fancy new bell at the front door too, one that calls the individual rooms for entry. If you are in the baby room please call the toddler room when you arrive. Please can we also ask all parents to say who is at the door to ensure we know who is in the building.

### Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 21st August  
Forest School Session

Wednesday 21st August  
Pre-School Graduation

Any questions or anything we can help you with please feel free to speak to a member of our team or you can send us an email to [enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@therailwaynursery.co.uk).

The Railway Nursery Team