



Bell House Nursery
Quality Childcare

Autumn Term 2019



Dear All,

Dates for the Dairy:

11th November 2019 - Remembrance Day - all rooms have planned activities.

13th November 2019 - World kindness day - all rooms will be planning activities around 'kindness' day, talking about relationships and golden rules.

15th November 2019 - Children in need dress up, come in as Spotty as you can with a £1 donation.

22nd November 2019 -Photo day

9th December 2019- Dragonflies Christmas Play 3:30pm

17th December 2019- Bumblebees Christmas Carols 3:15pm

Parents evening:

Parents evenings are the week commencing the 18th November:

18th - ladybirds

19th - butterflies

20th - bumblebees

21st - Dragonflies

Please book your parents evenings with the staff in the room. If on the day/evening you are unable to come, please ensure that you let us know. Parents evening slots are 10 minutes each, the staff will provide you with a copy of your child's latest development summative.



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Learning book changes:

As you know we use 'learning book' to update children's development. All rooms have asked for parents to upload more pictures of what your children have been up to at home. This gives us a great understanding of their capability at home and their interests, as well as a talking point for those who may be more shy or new.

If you do not have your log in details and/or need new one please find you Sophie Lemon our deputy manager and she can get those for you.

Staff News

A big welcome to the following new staff:

Claire - level 3 in our ladybird room.

Harriett - trainee within our dragonfly room

Christina - level 3 in our butterfly room

We would also like to welcome back two staff who have been with us previously:

Kirsty - level 3 in our bumblebees

Joanna - Level 3 in our bumblebees.

E-safety

Please find below a link to a website with useful information about Online safety, and how to keep our children safe whilst they are online. If you would like further information, please ask at the front desk as we have a few books with further information.

https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/hot-topics?gclid=EA1aIQobChMI-LLoyM_V5QIViLPtCh0GlgwJEAAYAiAAEgImN_D_BwE

Ladybirds

Ladybirds have enjoyed a variety of themes during the month October which have included Physical week, Story week and Spooooky Halloween!

Our physical themed week was to encourage the babies to develop both their fine motor skills and gross motor skills. We set out lots of soft play, tunnels and low level equipment that the babies can climb over, through, around and on top of! They showed great confidence in this and it was fantastic to see our explorers showing off their climbing skills!



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Story themed week was a little quieter with lots of focussed quiet book time which is good for brain development. We had lots of imaginative tuff trays set out including the Three Little Pigs and the staff enjoyed having some small group time encouraging imagination using puppets too!

Halloween week we created lots of creative artwork and enjoyed lots of spooky sensory! The babies particularly enjoyed our Pumpkin Splat tuff tray filled with Red Jelly, squashy pasta and cold beans!

In November we will be having the following themes before preparing for the Christmas Madness! We will have a People in the Community, Construction week and Animal week!

Butterflies

In October we learnt lots about different things. Our first we started with us learning about ponds and rivers. We had lots of water play and enjoyed playing with some blue play dough and pond animals!

We then moved onto talk about habitats within our second week, talking about our favourite animals. Have lovely animal sensory tuff trays using different things such as mud, hay, playdough for grass and ice with our sea animals.

We then absolutely loved science week!! Children spent a lot of time participating and becoming engrossed within experiments. Watching different explosions and reactions.

Towards the end of the month we got straight into the Halloween spirit, creating some beautiful Halloween artwork. The children looked amazing with their costumes and we enjoyed some Halloween music!

In November we will be looking at bonfire night, fireworks, remembrance day, world kindness day and having a party day for children in need with dress up, different activities and lots of fun!

Bumblebees

Bumblebees started October with a dance for music week. Bumblebees made instrumentals, looked at how we create noise and got their dance moves going to different music.

Bumblebees looked at foods, talking about healthy and unhealthy foods. They spoke about what we eat, where and how it grows, what's our favourite food. We also got very stuck into exploring our food textures playing with pasta, lentils and baked beans!

We then begun with some Halloween fun! Bumblebees looked incredible for dress up, they all enjoyed being dressed up and reading some Halloween books. We enjoyed pumpkins and making some beautiful work to decorate the room.



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In November bumblebees will begin to start to practice their songs for the Christmas carol session on the 17th on December! They will be learning songs and actions. We will also be covering a few topics such as Remembrance Day, kindness day, bonfire night and children in need

Dragonflies

October, we had great fun for the first 2 weeks celebrating Diwali, we looked at the culture behind it and enjoyed watching some short clips on the smartboard to gain some understanding of it. Towards the end the children appeared to really understand what the 'festival of light' was all about.

We then spent some time making and decorating Diwali lanterns which children used a variety of colours, paints, pens and materials. They made them a beautiful and bright as possible! We then made some beautiful coconut barfi and decided they wanted it to be BRIGHT yellow! Towards the end of the month we got spooky with our Halloween themed activities. Children played Halloween games, spoke about their own Halloween experiences and made some scary artwork! We all loved getting dressed up for Halloween and really enjoyed a Halloween party day!

We made some beautiful and tasty bat, ghost and spider biscuits and enjoyed decorating them!

In November dragonflies will be focusing a lot of friendship for world kindness day on the 13th. We will talk about how we treat one another and play some group games! We also have a bug theme where children will read, talk and explore different bugs and environments in which bugs will be found!

Dragonflies will also be practicing their Christmas nativity, learning some songs and starting to get ready for parents to see us!

We have also got Remembrance Day and children in need which dragonflies have some fun planned activities for children and look forward to seeing them all dressed up!