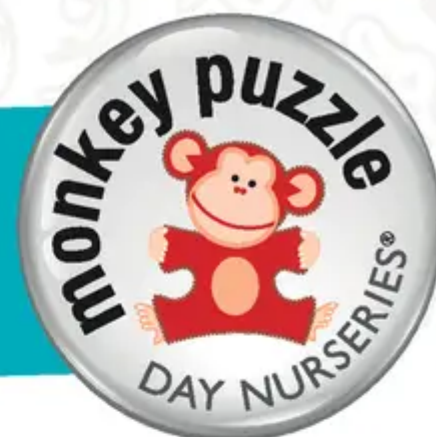


WELCOME TO

March 2022

NEWSLETTER

Sidcup



Theme: Animals

For the month of March, we have been learning about animals. Rooms have planned activities based on children's interests and created new learning opportunities through our theme. . We were lucky enough to have a visit from the animal workshop where children were able to feel the different textures of some unusual animals. Children have immersed themselves in the festival of Holi enjoying some sensory play with colours

Little Einstein

In Little Einstein we have been exploring many different types of animals such as jungle animals, safari and grassland animals. Babies have expanded their knowledge by making the sounds of animals and naming some too. A book that we have read together is Dear Zoo which seems to be a favourite! We will continue to sing Old Macdonald had a Farm to encourage our babies recognising the different sounds of animals. During our walks, we have looked at the ducks in the pond and watched birds flying by. It is lovely to see babies have these experiences which enable them to become curious and learn more about wildlife and our local environment.

Big Einstein

In Big Einstein our focus this month has been animals and we have used the book Old Macdonald had a farm to teach the children about animals we can find on a farm. Children were able to press the buttons on the book to hear the different sounds animals make. With the use of shaving foam children explored making marks in the tray and creating their animals. Children have also celebrated St. Patricks day, exploring with different green materials and textures.



World Book Day 2022

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Darwin

In the Darwin room this month the children have been using different materials dipped in bright coloured paint to make our own patterns on paper. We encouraged the children to use string sponges forks and feathers to create their wonderful animal and pattern ideas. The activities also helps to strengthen fine motor muscles and increases hand and eye coordination

We have also been looking at different types of print in the environment and this has been an exciting way to encourage children to find and recognise the first letter of their name. The children have been using their new easel to make marks and letters with chalk and water painting outdoors with paintbrushes.

The children have been learning the letters of the alphabet through sign language as well as singing nursery rhymes using sign language such as the 5 Little ducks, the children have also shown a great interest and enjoyment in acting out the 5 little monkeys jumping on the bed while singing the song.

A small group of children engaged well in listening and taking part in the story Handa's surprise and were able to learn the names of some new animals such as the Ostrich and the antelope.

The children had the opportunity to learn about different fruits such as avocado, mango passion fruit and guava and to taste the fruits and say which one of the fruits they liked best.



Faraday

In Faraday we have had a focus on staying healthy and looking after our teeth. In our new investigation area we used toothbrushes and teeth models to learn the most effective way to clean our teeth. We also had a go at cleaning teeth of different animals. Continuing on from our visit from the animal workshop we read some animal themed books, such as the three billy goats and the three little pigs and in small groups re enacted the storyline. We used different types of materials to represent the houses and discussed which house was the strongest and why.

During our nature walks we have collected resources to use in our water and sand tray and using senses looked at how similar or different they are. As the weather is warming up, we noticed that blossom and plants are growing and learnt some new names of plants and flowers.

We have been artists are learned about the Henri Rousseau, the French artist. Children looked at the artwork created by Henri and then had a go at creating some wonderful pieces themselves.



New Staff

We would like to welcome Jacqueline to Darwin room as room leader, Erin as lunch cover and Bernadette as PA to Leadership. Please join us in welcoming them to the nursery.

Dates for your diary

Month of Ramadan

Week of the 11th- Easter Egg Hunt, egg decorating and bonnet competition

Wednesday 13th April- Parents evening

Friday 15th April- Good Friday- Nursery is closed

Monday 18th April- Easter Monday- Nursery is closed

Friday 22nd April- Earth Day

Saturday 23rd April- St. George's Day

Special Feature!

Our children are enjoying their walks in the local environment, exploring sounds, looking at nature and getting active. During walks children are encouraged to talk about what they can see, hear or feel to promote communication and language and an awareness of the world around them. Children are naturally drawn to playing outside and there are numerous benefits of outdoor exploratory play which have a real positive impact on children's lives. They have the chance to connect with the natural world and have first hand experiences of life and growth. There are endless opportunities for creativity and imagination not to mention improved fitness, developed muscle strength and coordination.

