



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you find this newsletter useful. It is full of lots of interesting information about what is going on at Rainbow Angels!

We celebrated our one-year anniversary on the 13th March 2019 and would like to thank all our parents and children for making it a special year for us.

The Spring Term has seen our children continuing to explore and discover new adventures while achieving various learning milestones. We continue to welcome new children and staff to our Rainbow Angels family, and we would like to thank you for choosing Rainbow Angels as your child's home away from home. Our Rainbow Angels team enjoy caring for your precious Angels and we cherish the relationships and partnerships that we are developing with our parents. We look forward to our continued partnership and thank you for your ongoing support.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DIARY DATES

Easter Holiday Closures

19th April 2019

22nd April 2019

Summer Term

23rd April – 24th July 2019

May Bank Holiday Closures

6th May 2019

27th May 2019

Teddy Bear Picnic

June 2019

We Nurture Natural Curiosity

SESSION TIMES

Please adhere to your sessions for dropping off and collecting your child to avoid being invoiced for early drop-offs or late collections.

SUMMER TERM ACTIVITIES

We are looking forward to an exciting Summer Term where various new activities are planned for our children's educational development, including planting vegetables, and educational trips to the library, farm, museums, aquarium and parks. These activities will teach our children to work as a part of a team and provide opportunities for them to socialise more with their peers.

PRESCHOOL UNIFORMS

Please remember to place your orders for preschool uniforms for your 3 and 4 year olds by 15th April 2019.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

We enjoy working in partnership with our parents and as our children undertake new adventures further afield from our locality we would love for parents to take part in these adventures. If you would like to be a Parent Volunteer for such outings please notify the Nursery Manager.

TEDDY BEAR PICNIC

Our Teddy Bear Picnic will take place in June 2019, date to be confirmed, in the nursery garden. All our parents are invited to the picnic with their child and teddy bear. If the chosen date is not your child's usual day or time of attendance at the nursery, please remain with your child for the picnic. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other parents.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

Please ensure that you take spare clothes with your child to the nursery, and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name.

TERM TIME CHILDREN

The Spring Term finished on the 5th April 2019 and the Summer Term will commence on the 23rd April 2019.



Rainbow Nugget

Try to end exciting play or activity sessions with a wind-down time in which you and your child can enjoy a few moments of calm. Think about what makes a relaxing space for your child to be in – soft lighting, warmth and gentle sounds all help!

Suggestion – sing or hum if you or your child is getting stressed – this will help you to relax and is very soothing for your child. Make time to do the special things that relaxes you – you have to look after yourself if you want to look after your child.

Spring Term Activities

The Spring Term has seen our children learning more about the great outdoors, the seasons, how things grow and different types of exotic and domestic animals. Our children have also taken part in various fund raising activities and we would like to thank you, our parents, for supporting their efforts.

Sunshine Angels Room & Star Angels Room



SUNSHINE ANGELS & STAR ANGELS

Our Sunshine Angels and Star Angels (3 months – 2 years) are enjoying self-discovery and awareness through, music, songs, stories, and messy and interactive play.

Physical development: our children continue to enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, including pretend play, football, riding bicycles, toddler boot-camp exercises and trips to our local city farm (*pictured above*), which continues to develop their gross motor skills. Our youngest children enjoy a range of stimulating tummy time activities aimed at developing strength in their core, arms and legs, and the use of push along toys to aid those eager to start taking those first steps.

Free play, messy play and sensory activities: the Spring Term activities included lots of sensory water play, messy and creative arts, learning about different types of land, air and sea transportation, and creatures under the sea – including making 3D models and gluing, painting and decorating these (*pictured above*). The use of spoons and forks for eating, and paintbrushes, chalks, crayons etc. for creative activities have improved their fine motor skills. They continue to explore tactile sensations through finger/hand painting, play dough making, baking, and sand, corn flour and shaving foam play.

Communication, language, emotional and social development: story time, singing, and dancing stimulates our little angels minds and they actively participate in these activities by taking turns to select their favourite books for story time and helping to turn pages/feel the textures, or shaking maracas/rattles for music time, or doing the actions to their favourite songs/nursery rhymes. We have seen good age appropriate progress in their speech, confidence perception, and recognition of names of practitioners and other children.

Rainbow Angels Room



RAINBOW ANGELS

Our Rainbow Angels (2 – 4 years) enjoyed a varied Spring Term and are looking forward to the new activities ahead, including their upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and best decorated Easter Egg Competition.

Communication & language: our children have been learning how to be more independent and confident by participating in confidence building activities. Such activities include self-serving during meals, learning about emotions and feelings and how to express themselves, and learning new languages (French and Spanish) through the use of various visual aids, including flashcards and emotion cushions.

Physical development: children participated in physical development activities such as ballet, football, rugby, visits to our local parks and city farm (*pictured above*), and free play as part of an active lifestyle. Additionally, fine and gross motor skills are encouraged and developed through the use of knives, forks and/or spoons at meal times.

Social & emotional development: this Spring Term the children participated in various fund raising activities for charity including Comic Relief Red Nose Day, Pyjama Day, and World Book Costume Day. Team members dressed up as characters from books to boost children's confidence about dressing up.

Literacy & numeracy: our Rainbow Angels are continuing to learn number sequences, how to write the first initial of their names, copying numbers, letters and words, and taking turns reading. We have started our 'in-nursery' library where children select a book to take home to practice reading with their parents.

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Follow Their Own
Fascinations*



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