



Busy Bees Ledbury – Preschool



Spring Half Term (1)

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a very restful Christmas and New Year. It's been lovely to hear all about the fun the children have had during the holidays. Thank you for uploading photos and comments to the online learning journeys for us to look at with the children.

We have now revealed our exciting news about our move. It's been a very long process and we would have liked to have given you news sooner but we had to be sure the move was certain. Work will start soon on the Youth Centre ready for us to move in. We'll be keeping our Facebook page updated with photos and news so you can see our progress. One of our Directors, Geraint, is busy finalising the plans which we are excited to show you.

Please remember to like us on Facebook to keep up to date with news, information and events. You can find us by searching for 'Busy Bees Ledbury.'

Reminders

- * Our next stay and play session will be on Wednesday 14th January (Valentine's Day) from 9am-10:15am. If your child is in for this session, you are welcome to join us for craft, cookery and stories.
- * Please be reminded of our policy regarding sickness and diarrhoea. If your child vomits or has an upset stomach – even if it is only once – they cannot return to Busy Bees until they have been symptom free for at least 48 hours. If everyone keeps to this rule then we can hopefully minimise the risk of any Winter bugs spreading. Also, if your child has needed Calpol or Nurofen before a session then they are probably not well enough to be in and should therefore be kept at home. Thank you for your cooperation.
- * Invoices for this half term are due for payment by Wednesday 10th January.
- * Unfortunately, as our numbers have increased, we have had to postpone our Moo Music sessions. There is a maximum number of children who can take part and we have now exceeded that. We hope to resume the sessions in the Autumn term when we are usually quieter.
- * Spaces are filling up fast and we are now already full for some sessions. If you would like to increase your child's sessions for after Easter, please speak to Bev asap.
- * Headlice – please, please check your child's hair for headlice and treat accordingly.

The Butterfly Group

PE sessions will resume this Friday, 12th January. If you would like your child to take part, they must come with a PE kit to change in to – black/navy joggers or leggings and a white T-shirt. They also need trainers or black pumps to change in to. All items **MUST** be named please and be in a named bag. Thank you for encouraging your child to get themselves undressed and dressed at home. This has really been helping speed up the process of getting changed.

The third mark making challenge will be set this week. Please upload photos to your child's learning journey of them completing it.

What are we Learning?

To begin the half term, we will be focusing on settling back in following the Christmas break and welcoming new starters. As the half term progresses, we'll be incorporating children's interests and next steps so please remember to keep us up to date with what your child enjoys at home.

This half term, we'll be particularly focusing on developing fine motor skills so we'll be promoting activities which require the use of the small muscles in fingers and hands. We will offer lots of activities such as sensory play, construction, mark making, threading, posting, puzzles and peg boards to help children develop these muscles which are vital for future writing. If you're helping your child at home, please remember to encourage them to write in lower case. When writing their name, it's helpful if this has a capital at the beginning and the rest in lower case in order to avoid confusion. Thank you!

Next steps will be uploaded to Learning Journeys in the coming weeks. Please leave a comment so we know you've read them. It's always great to read about the activities the children have been getting up to at home – thank you for your continued contributions, they really do help your child learn and develop.