



My little Barn Owls

Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter



Spring Term 2018
(February, March, April,
May)

Welcome to our newsletter to keep you updated on events at My Little Barn Owls. Our newsletter is produced quarterly and we would welcome suggestions from parents on any subjects you would like to be included.

This Term's topic is **Spring**. The Snowy Owl room will be looking at seasonal changes, colours textures and going on a nature learning walk Activities will be provided in order to support the children's development. We will also be looking at the song Old McDonald had a farm to develop the children's speech and sounds. The Tawny Owl room will be looking at color's, textures and weather changes of Spring.. They will be offering a range of Spring linked activities for the toddlers to enjoy, including growing their own flowers, a spring walk, along with music and rhymes. The Transitional rooms 'Book of the Term' is going to be The Very Hungry Caterpillar, which will be used to plan many adult led activities to ensure learning across the seven areas within the EYFS, with knowledge of new life and growth. From our cohorts it has shown there is a need to further develop

communication . We will be focusing on 2 words together.

The Barn Owl room will also be looking at Spring and the colour and texture changes. They will offer a variety of activities including a nature walk, growing plants and vegetables and using technology. We will also be focusing widely on Mathematics within the Barn Owl Room counting numbers 1-5 which we incorporate in with our book of the term The 2-3's 'Book of the Term' is going to be The Three Billy Goats Gruff, which will be used to plan many adult led activities to ensure learning across the seven areas of learning within the EYFS.

The Eagle Owls room will also have Spring as their topic for this term. They will look at seasonal changes, growth and new life. Providing activities such as planting, studying the life cycle of a butterfly and a trip to a farm. The pre-school rooms 'Book of the Term' is going to be Guess How much I love you in the Spring.

The Children will also be experiencing and exploring the festivals which occur during Spring time, including, Easter. All rooms will be discussing the true story of Easter along with lots of fun activities, such as, Easter egg hunts, decorating Easter bonnets and making chocolate Easter nests etc.

Mothers day is on 11th March so our children will be busy making lovely gifts for this special occasion.

We are working towards exceeding children's expected level of literacy and working on their handwriting skills. Within the Eagle Owl Room

The children's planning is displayed on the parents notice boards in each room, this shows weekly planning and the plans for the term ahead, should you wish to have a more detailed look at what's on offer.

• Parents Partnership

Activities for home.

You should have all received your child's home play packs.. This is a positive way to involve parents in their children's learning and development. Please can these be returned to the setting by the 23rd of February.

If you are taking your children out on a walk please listen out for different sounds you can hear, changes in the environment Shapes and colours of the outdoors discuss with your children how the environment changes in Spring and the weather changes, Spring animals and new life.

We are still extending our Phonics work with the children in the Barn Owls And Eagle Owls pre-school there is a lot of information on the internet around Jolly Phonics and we would appreciate it if you could have a look at this with your children at home, please feel free to add observations of these into your child's learning Journal.

Staffing

There will be some slight changes to staffing around the setting these will be as follows.

Katie will be reducing her working hours to part time so in place we will have a new room leader of the pre-school room this will be Amy Crosby, Amy has Years experience in child care and is level 3 qualified. She will be starting MLBO 20th February 2018.

We would also like to welcome Claire Silverwood to our ever growing team of practitioners. Claire will be joining the eagle owl pre-school Room. We would also like to welcome Amanda Clegg to our pre-school team.

We would like to congratulate Kanisha on becoming Room Leader of the Barn Owls Room. We would like to welcome Brooke and Kate. Brooke is our apprentice and Kate nursery practitioner.

We would like to welcome Zoe Smith to the under 2,s unit as lunchtime cover.

We are currently recruiting 2 new nursery practitioners to join our Snowy Owl Room.

We would also like to welcome Diane back to our out of school club and Sophie Locke our new practitioner in the out of school room.

Reminder.. Nursery will be **CLOSED** for the Easter Bank Holidays: **Friday 30th March and Monday the 2nd of April** Nursery will re-open on **Tuesday 3rd of April.**



Don't Forget...

Clocks go Forward 25th March!

NURSERY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Our nursery policies and procedures are in the main office there are a couple of new policies which we have put into the file, please feel free to have a look at these at your leisure.

Dates & Events

Easter:

During this period the children will be provided with a variety of related activities, including decorating Easter baskets, making chocolate Easter nests and going on an Easter egg hunt plus many more. Please check with the staff for more information.

Mothers Day (11th March):

The children will be making cards and gifts for their Families to bring home.

Parents day 10th February 2018 please make an appointment with your childs key-person.

Parents/Carers Notice

Ofsted

We are thrilled to announce that after our Ofsted inspection we were graded "GOOD". All of the team at MLBO have worked extremely hard to receive this grade, and we would like to thank you for your continued support, over the years we really do appreciate it.

February Half Term

For children who attend funded only sessions their last session will be Friday the 16th of February and will re-commence Monday 26th of February

Easter Holidays

For those children who attend for funded only sessions their last session will be Thursday 29th of March and will recommence Monday 16th April.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. As always please feel to approach us anytime should you have any questions or queries.

Kind Regards