



BUMBLEBEE
NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2025

Welcome

I trust that everyone enjoyed a restful and pleasant break and is looking forward to the exciting new Summer Term. On behalf of the entire Bumblebee team, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all the new parents and children who will be joining us in April for the Summer Term, as well as to our returning families.

We are looking forward to a new term filled with a range of exciting indoor and outdoor learning and play activities. We hope that all new children quickly settle, become familiar with their key person, and enjoy new experiences as they progress in their education.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the parents who have dedicated their time to participate in our Stay and Play sessions, it was a pleasure to have you in the nursery.

Regrettably, we are nearing that time of year when we bid farewell to some of our Pre-School children at the end of this term, as they embark on their new journey at school in September. We encourage you to stay in touch and feel free to visit us.

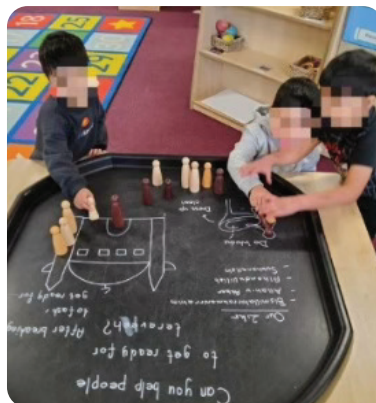




Pre-School

During this term, the Pre-School children were exceptionally active. We had the opportunity to delve into the significance of Ramadan. With the onset of this holy month, we aimed to enhance the children's learning experience by engaging them in various Ramadan-themed activities.

To spark their curiosity about Ramadan, we spoke about their wishes for the month, responses were similar- new toys, yummy chocolates, cakes, robots, and many other exciting toys. They were excited, as they recognised Ramadan as a significant month that is celebrated by many. We engaged in a multitude of activities, beginning with crafting decorations for our nursery. We adorned our space with Ramadan-themed items, including a crescent moon and sparkling stars, along with a festive banner.



To familiarise the children with Islamic practices, we concentrated on activities rooted in Islamic traditions. We created prayer mats, tasbih's, bookmarks, and a Ramadan moon, allowing the children to express their creativity and enjoy the process.

We motivated children to engage in prayer more frequently this month by establishing our Bumblebee Mosque in the book corner. This space provided a cosy and comfortable environment where children could relax, sit, and experience a sense of tranquillity, immersing themselves in the spirit of Ramadan.

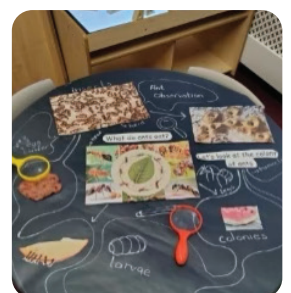


Additionally, during this term, we encouraged children to practice and memorize our zikr and dua's.

We had our local friendly dentist visit us this term, she explained how and why we brush our teeth.

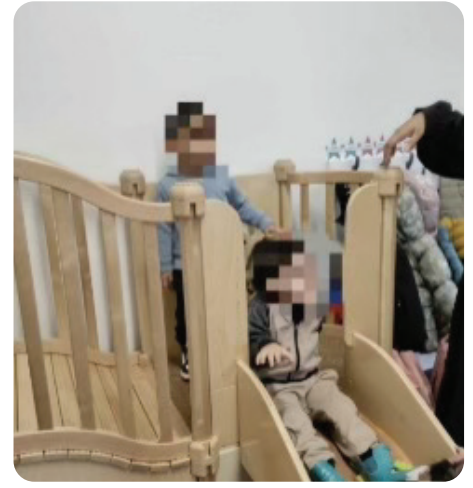


There were many more activities during the term, including Jigsaw Day, Teddy Bear Picnic, Rose Day, Pizza Day, World Book Day etc.



Toddler

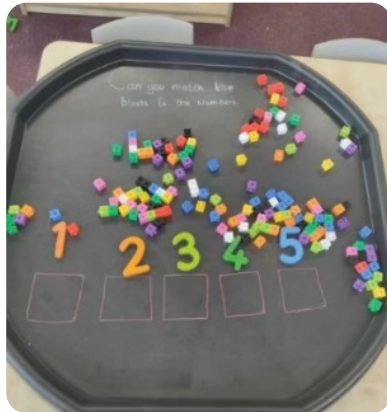
During this term, the toddlers engaged in a range of events, including World Dentist Day. The dentist emphasised the significance of proper tooth brushing and discussed the consequences of neglecting dental hygiene. To enhance their understanding, she presented several informative videos and facilitated interactive activities for the children.



Additionally, in celebration of Ramadan, the children participated in various related activities. They had a delightful time creating their own Kaaba's, tasting dates, and crafting Ramadan decorations to adorn the classroom.



Throughout this term we planned a variety of engaging activities, we placed a great deal of emphasis on the children's fine motor abilities. Tweezers were utilised to enhance and strengthen their pincer grip and enabled them to move objects from one location to another, using tweezers. One of the activities was to place the spaghetti through the thread, which also targeted their fine motor skills, helping them develop hand-eye coordination.



Baby

We are enjoying experimenting in the outdoor garden and have excitedly been making our own bubbles. We will be continuing bug hunting in the garden and love to count their legs and hold them carefully. We have been singing lots of counting and action rhymes about bugs.

The babies have also taken part in a variety of sensory Ramadan activities.

Our babies have been exploring water play. We have been looking at books and pictures that represent travel and learning about the names of the vehicles, the sounds that they make and singing lots of action rhymes too.

The babies also enjoyed a teddy bear picnic and some of our parents joined us for the picnic.





This Terms Learning Focus

Summer Term Apr – Jul 2025

In the upcoming term, we intend to introduce a variety of activities for our Pre-School children. We will do outdoor excursions, including a walking trip. Our focus will be on celebrating Children's Book Day, Rainbow Day, and Health Day. To foster children's connection with nature, we will incorporate gardening activities, allowing them to explore and gain a deeper understanding of the natural world.

Additionally, we will conduct STEM activities and exciting science experiments for the children.

We will initiate our school readiness activities for the children who are beginning school this year, with the aim of adequately preparing them. We will organise name writing exercises and promote their independence in dressing themselves.

For the Toddlers, our focus will be on a range of activities. One of these is International Book Day, during which children are encouraged to bring in their favourite books. Additionally, we will celebrate Rainbow Day, featuring activities centred around the theme of rainbows. Furthermore, we will observe an international event that will introduce the children to new experiences, including the planting of carrots.

As our babies become more confident, we will be encouraging lots of sensory play to celebrate events and festivals over the Summer Term, we will have lots of stay and play sessions which we are excited to see our new families attend and be part of our busy nursery day.

Lots of more exciting activities are planned in the Summer Term, look out for our Weekly News Stories.



Dates For Your Diary

Diary Dates:

Wednesday 23rd April

International Children's
Book Day

Children to bring books
from home

Thursday 15th May

International Day of Families

Children to bring in photos of
themselves and families, so
they can show their nursery
friends

Wednesday 21st May

International Tea Day

Children will be
having a picnic in the
outdoor area

Friday 13th June

Eid Al-Adha Party

Children can dress up in their Eid
clothes for our Eid Party

W/c 23rd June

World Rain Forest Day

Stay and play sessions-
dates and times TBC

Nursery Closure Dates:

Monday 5th May

Public Holiday

Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May

Summer Half Term

Friday 6th June and Monday 9th June (TBC)

Eid Al-Adha Holidays

Monday 21st July- Friday 29th August

Summer Holidays

Monday 1st and 2nd September

Training Days

Stay and Play Dates

World Rainforest Week - Dates to be confirmed for each room (week commencing 23rd June)



Nursery Funding

All babies aged 9 months onwards and 2-year-olds are eligible for 15 hours of free early education per week (working parents), this will increase to 30 hours per week from September.

3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free early education per week. There is an additional 15 hours per week of free childcare available for families that meet the Government's eligibility criteria.

More detail information can be found on the link below:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Application and Funding Process

You will need to apply online via HMRC, they have a dedicated helpdesk to support parents to apply if you are unable to apply online. The link to the website is below:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Eligible parents will be given a code which will be valid for 3 months, you will be asked to re-confirm your eligibility towards the end of the 3-month period. HMRC will send reminders to parents.

Please be aware that if you would like to increase your child's attendance with your eligibility for 30 hours, please contact us.



Parents Meetings

We recently had our second parent meeting for this academic year. This was a huge success, and many parents were eager to learn how their child had settled and what goals they had achieved. It was lovely to hear some wonderful comments from parents.

Nursery Update

We are excited to announce our updated outdoor spaces for Pre-School and Baby/Toddler gardens:





A Few Polite Reminders

Parking

Please can we remind parents to park sensibly when dropping and picking up children. Residents drives should not be blocked or restrict passing vehicles. Parents should not park on the corner of West View/Church Street, on double yellow lines, in disabled bays or on pavements in front of the Nursery. There is ample parking available on Branch Street and further along on West View.

Indoor/Outdoor Footwear

Please ensure your child has shoes for indoors and wellingtons for outdoors.

Spare Clothes

Please can we ask parents to label all your child's clothes clearly and to return any borrowed from nursery.

Payment Reminder

All invoices will be sent out on the first week on this term. Kindly make all payments within 7 days of receiving your invoice.

Thank you for your continued support and duas and for being such an important part of our nursery community, Jazak Allah.