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Term Dates

Last Day of Spring term	Fri 4 th April
Start of Summer Term 2024	Tues 22 nd April
Bank Holiday	Mon 5 th May
Half-Term	Mon 26 th May - Fri 30 th May
Last Day	Tues 15 th July
Leavers Party	Weds 16 th July

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Some photos of what we have been up to.....

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DATES THIS MONTH

World book day (Thursday 6th March) We are celebrating all week
Red Nose day Friday 21st March - 'Lets Party'



Our Topic this half term 'Growth and Spring'.

The children have started our topic by taking part in some observational daffodil painting. They have been learning the names of the different parts of the flower and used their fine motor skills to draw them. We have been talking about colour, growth and sizes.

St David's day is coming up, so the children will learn that Wales is a country close to ours and about some features/traditions of Wales.

We will also use our physical skills to take part in yoga activities, using growth as a focus. The children will listen and follow instructions, listening to music and move their bodies.

We will then be learning about 'The very hungry caterpillar'. The children will grow cress seeds in milk bottle tops. They will take part in a story sack and mini beast hunts outside. The children will explore the different fruits in the story and talk about healthy and unhealthy foods. We will create Cornish flags for St Piran's day.

Next, we will be learning outdoors. The children will use their imaginations and mathematical skills to make potions. They will work together and take turns with the resources. The children will practise their fine motor skills while opening lids and pouring. The children will develop thinking and communication skills by talking and listening to friends about what their potion is for. We will listen to the story 'potion commotion'.

We will then be doing some baking. The children will follow instructions and work as a team to mix and stir ingredients together. The children will measure and weigh ingredients before decorating their cupcakes with faces/emotions.

Learning intentions for Spring term

Communication and language

- Understands simple instructions
- Listens to stories and understand what is happening/listen to a variety of different books
- Learn and use a wider range of words (topic words about growth).

Personal, social and emotional development

- Be able to express emotions
- Be able to talk about their emotions using words
- May begin to understand how others might be feeling.

Mathematics

- Compare sizes and weights uses language such as bigger/smaller, high/low/ tall, heavy, light.
- Compare and talk about quantities, more than, fewer than, lots, more and less.

Understanding the world

- Explore natural materials inside and outside
- Talk about what they see using a wide vocabulary.
- Understand life cycles
- Show care for animals and plants



Our Kindness Flower

We have been celebrating acts of kindness at playgroup. We add a petal onto our kindness flower when the children do something kind. The children get praised for their kindness at circle time and receive an individual sticker.

Here are some of the kindness we have seen.....

'Today I was super helpful'

'Today I have kindly been helping my teacher Kelly'

'I held the door open for all my friends'

'I was very kind and helped my friend'

'Today I helped my friend find his toy and gave him a hug when he was sad'

'I was very kind and got my friend a tissue when they needed it'

'I was kind and compassionate to my friend'

'I was kind and helped my friend roll their sleeves up to wash their hands'

World book day Thursday 6th March

The logo for World Book Day, featuring the words "WORLD BOOK DAY" in a stylized, bold, black font. The word "WORLD" is smaller and positioned above "BOOK". The word "DAY" is positioned below "BOOK". The text is centered on a bright yellow rectangular background.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

To join in and celebrate we are inviting children all week (3rd- 7th March) to bring in their favourite book to share. They can also dress up as a book character if they would like to.

Red nose day 2025



We will be joining in with Red Nose Day on Friday 21st March, by having a party.

We will be offering face painting and lots of other exciting things.

Theme party wear.

Suggested donation £2.

Please bring lunch as normal.

Staff training update

Anna is continuing with her level 3 SEND Course

Kelly has completed:

Level 2 food safety

Healthy eating in the Early Years

Prevent referrals

Updated Safeguarding online training

Harri is booked on 'Play is what I do'

Lending library news

5 Book awards go to..... Maeva and Elodie

10 Book awards go to..... Ky and Jenson

15 Book award to..... Arlo

20 Book award to..... Jackson

REMINDERS

Cutting up foods in children's lunch boxes

It is our safer food policy that certain foods are cut up.

This includes.....

Grapes - cut lengthways

Cherry tomatoes - cut into quarters

Large blueberries - cut in at least half

We don't recommend that you cut bananas but if/we do it must be length ways.

Sausages/cocktail sausages cut lengthways.

Breakfast Club

We do offer a breakfast club. Open from 8:15am, this can be used as part of your child's funding. Our morning session starts from **9am**.

In the Community

Early Years Beach School - Sensory exploration and play based outdoor learning for under-fives.

Thursdays 9:30 - 11:30

Crooklets Beach, Bude

Contact fiona@2minute.org

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Find them online: 2minute.org

Thank you for your time in reading this newsletter, if you have any questions please speak to a member of staff.

Kelly and all the team 😊



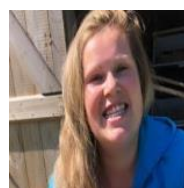
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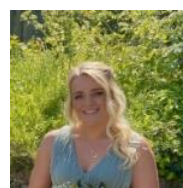
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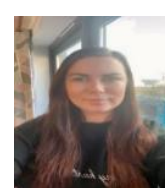
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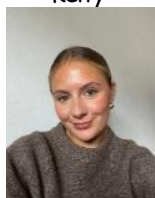
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