

News and updates from River and Rainforest Classes

February and March 2022

There has been lots of fun and fantastic learning again during this Half Term at Kintore Way. So lovely to see the children returning refreshed and ready to play and learn after their half-term break.

Children settled easily back to the rhythms and routines of the day and we enjoyed seeing how excited they were to see their friends again.

We were excited to introduce the terms curriculum opportunities to our eager pupils. At the centre of our curriculum are our Core books, rhymes and songs which support children's developing language skills and lay strong foundations for reading and literacy skills. 'Helicopter Stories' are supporting children's expressive language and creative skills and are so much fun to act out with friends. Mathematical understanding has been developing through explicit teaching and our rich continuous provision. Children have particularly enjoyed dice games, making repeating patterns with colourful unifix-cubes and on our peg boards as well as exploring key concepts with our 'Two Little Butterflies' song – all 4 verses! We used many of our math's skills in a very practical way when making our delicious pancakes to celebrate 'Pancake Day.'

Children are mark- making, drawing, painting, singing and acting out stories, enjoying building, playing in the home corner and enjoying the improving weather to have lots of fun in the playground. With all these opportunities you can be see that the children have had a busy, happy and productive time. All of us here at Kintore hope that you have an enjoyable and relaxing half-term break. Planting seedlings into newly weeded raised beds. We hope families will be involved in growing seeds too, as the children will be bringing home a growing pack over the holiday (see below).

Do have a look at our updated website where you can keep up to date with all the wonderful learning that happens at Kintore Way!

<http://kintoreway.com/>

Ramadan Mubarak to all our Muslim families, as Ramadan is starting shortly.

Happy Easter Holidays to all.

World Book Day

At the beginning of March, we celebrated World Book Day. There were lots of opportunities to share stories with cosy reading corners inside and outside, and stories brought to life by using props and by acting them out. In fact the staff acted out the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the children were very excited by this. We also had an opportunity to promote the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library where families who live in Southwark can receive free quality picture books every month until their child turns 5. Some children chose to dress up, but all were involved in sharing stories and book related activities.



Understanding The World

We welcomed the Spring by hatching some beautiful little chicks. Children were fascinated to see the chicks hatch from the eggs and grow up so quickly. We looked at information books on other animals that hatch from eggs – yes, dinosaurs! We learned that seeds can grow too into plants– and so prepared to plant for spring. We began by weeding our garden boxes and putting in some seedling plants. In class we have looked at seeds and beans and then looked at the vegetables that these seeds, when planted, will grow into. We used our sense of sight, touch and smell to explore the vegetables and then did some wonderful still-life drawings. We had a look at next term's core book Errol's Garden for a bit of inspiration

We had great discussion about our favourite vegetables and what we might like to plant in our boxes.

Suncream

Now the weather is warm and sunny, please could you put suncream on your child before nursery and tell your child's key person if they need their own suncream or if you are happy for them to use the nursery sun-cream. Thank you.



Growing Packs

Each child will soon be given a pack to take home with ideas and resources for growing different seeds. The pack contains sunflower seeds, bean seeds, cress seeds, soil, lollipop stick plant labels and lots of ideas for growing seeds at home and activities linked to Spring.



Please have fun together over the holiday

Come and share your skills

You may have a job or skill you would like to share with the children, for example, if you are a chef, you could come and cook with the children; or if you are a nurse, you could come and teach some simple first aid to the children; or if you are a musician, you could come and make music with the children. Please speak to your child's key person if you are interested.

Dates for your diary

The nursery will be closed for the **Spring/Easter break from 4th-18th April**.

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**1PW and FT children return on 19<sup>th</sup> April (1PW is Tues/Wed).**

**2PW children come back on 21<sup>st</sup> April (2PW is Thu/Fri).**

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There will also be a **bank holiday** when the nursery will be closed on **Monday 2nd May**.



Working Together

Core Books

In February and March, we have continued our focus on reading and have enjoyed sharing many of the lovely books in our setting. The following books are our core books for this half-term.

Ravi's Roar – A clever and engaging book about temper tantrums, dealing with emotions and learning to express yourself and understand your feelings.

The Colour Monster – The little colour monster is having a hard time, as his feelings are all jumbled up. He is red, green, yellow, blue and black, all at the same time. It's making him very confused and he doesn't know why. Luckily, help is at hand and the colour monster learns to make sense of his mixed-up emotions by labelling them, which leads to a heart-warming conclusion.

Sometimes I am Angry, Happy, Sad etc (Campbell Books) – 'When I am Happy' helps young children to start managing their emotions. They can lift the flaps, slide the tabs and turn the wheel to explore what being happy is, why it's good to be happy and how they can stay happy.

Three Little Pigs – A favourite traditional tale about three little pigs who leave their mother to make their own way in the world. Each pig builds themselves a house of different materials. The house made of straw and the house made of sticks is blown down by the big, bad wolf. Only the house of bricks is a safe haven for the three siblings. Children have been inspired to build houses with in their play and have had opportunities to plan and discuss how they will build. They have loved the exciting role play that has come out of this story.



Some Spring Poems and Rhymes

Pancakes (by Christina Rossetti)

Mix a pancake,
Stir a pancake,
Pop it in the pan.
Fry a pancake,
Toss a pancake,
Catch it if you can.



Hungry Birdies

I have built a little nest, look inside,
look inside.
Hungry birdies with their beaks, open
wide, open wide.
And the little birdies grow, day by day
by day.
'Till they spread their wings and fly,
far

Two Little Butterflies

Two Little Butterflies
Sitting on a Cloud
One named Soft
And one named loud
Fly away Soft
Fly away Loud
Come back Soft
Come back Loud



I have Ten Little Fingers

A little seed for me to sow,
A little soil for it to grow.
A little hole, a little pat,
A little wish, and that is that.
A little sun, a little shower,