

News and updates from Rainforest, Seashore and Desert Rooms

January and February 2026

Desert and Seashore Room -Building and Construction



When building and through role-play, children develop a much better understanding of the world around them. Their confidence grows as they choose to construct houses, towers, roads and vehicles using foam bricks, Duplo pieces, wooden and magnetic blocks. Children in the 2-3s have also been exploring shape, measures and pattern whilst building.

Desert, Seashore and Rainforest Room - Core Book - Brown Bear, Brown Bear

Children have been reading and reciting the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' by Bill Martin and Eric Carle. They've enjoyed this highly repetitive story, especially when using claves to beat rhythmically along to it. Their memory recall has grown each time they have re-read the story along with their confidence to sequence the book's characters such as the different coloured animals. This story has been brought to life by using puppets and different coloured fabrics for each animal. Children are also learning to sign along to the story using Makaton gestures.



Rainforest Room – Core Book - Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Children listened to and role-played the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. They developed their understanding of size using comparative language such as 'tiny, small, smaller, big, bigger, biggest.' Children enjoyed having porridge for snack time, talking about how the texture and how it tasted. They've been sharing their thoughts about their favourite breakfasts too especially during role-play. This is a one of our core stories the children always enjoy reading.



Do encourage your child to take a book home every day. Ask your child's Key Person for a book bag.

Rainforest Room

Basketball Update

Rainforest children have been getting active in the garden when playing basketball. They've been improving their hand-eye co-ordination skills by bouncing and throwing balls into the basketball hoop. They've tried to get as many shots as possible whilst trialling being closer to or further away from the hoop.



Mobilo Update

In Rainforest, we are updating our provision and have installed a unit with different shaped Mobilo pieces. This has generated a great deal of excitement amongst the children who have been engrossed in the process of experimenting with shape and spatial awareness as well as thinking and constructing in 3d.



Investigating creatures

The children have been investigating the outside environment for living creatures. They've spotted squirrels scurrying up trees, a couple of neighbourhood cats prowling along the top of the fence. They've been digging in the nature garden and worked together to turn logs over to find worms and even built a wormery. The children have also been trying to identify species of birds as inspired by the RSPB Bird Count. They were intrigued by magpies carrying sticks and twigs in their beaks and then found out that the magpies were building a nest. They counted the different birds by making tally marks to record their findings.



Our Celebrations Singalong



A huge thank you to all families who came to our Singalong celebrating upcoming festivals such as Valentines, Pancake Day, Mardi Gras, Lunar New Year and Eid. Ramadan, a time for reflection is also coming up. It was fantastic to hear about the different festivals and share some refreshments. As usual it was great to hear everyone singing some of our favourite core songs as well as dancing. Please do come in to talk to us about Lunar New Year and Ramadan next half term.

Parent Mail

Please do make sure we have your updated contact details including email addresses. Communication to families is regularly sent through Parent Mail.



Warm Clothes

Please make sure your children have enough clothes to keep warm. Do write your child's name inside their coat. Encourage your children to practise putting on their coats, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens by themselves. It is important that they learn to be as independent as possible as they may choose to go outside many times a day. It would be really helpful if you can make sure all clothes are labelled with your child's name. Also, please do ensure that you bring plenty of **spare clothes too** (particularly socks, pants and trousers) and for your children in case they need to be changed.

Toilet Training

Please speak to your child's Key Person about steps that can be taken both at home and nursery to ensure your child is toilet trained. Do start toilet training during the holiday and talk to the class team about next steps. The ERIC website also gives some very useful tips for potty training.

<https://eric.org.uk/potty-training/>

Dates for your diary

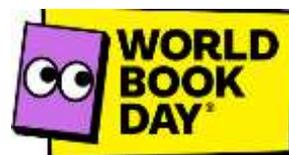
Last Day of Spring Half Term
Friday 13th February

Spring Half Term
Mon 16th February – Fri 20th February

Children Return to Nursery
Monday 23rd February

Parent Conference Day
Friday 13th March 2026

World Book Day - Thurs 5th March



Exciting activities are planned from reading and acting out favourite stories to building story settings and making fun puppets. Be great to see our families come in to read a story with their children.

A Huge Thank You To Kelly

Kelly is leaving Kintore Way and her last day is 13th February. We want to give our heartfelt appreciation for her excellent service to the team, families and children. We wish her the very best.

Curriculum Learning

Check out our website to see updates on the wonderful learning that children have been doing this half term. <https://kintoreway.com/> We would love to hear about your Christmas celebrations. Do send in photos.

