



# Monkey Puzzle

March/April  
Themes: Fairy Tales &  
Woodlands/Nature

Hello everybody, we hope you have had a super month of March!

## Baby Room:

This month, we have been learning about parts of the body. We pointed to and identified different parts (eg; head, eyes, ears, and nose). Additionally, we have been exploring and touching different materials from the treasure basket. We've been singing the "Miss Polly Had A Dolly" action song, which you can search for on YouTube to sing at home. A special mention to some star babies: Max is now crawling, and Lucy & Raphael have taken some of their first steps!

## Toddler Room:

We have been doing plenty of counting and coloring this month! We have been identifying different colors and talking about our favorite colours. Last month, we explored fairy tale themes by making wands and masks. We also made nests to celebrate Easter, which were taken home to share with families. For April's theme, we've set up a "woodland area" in the room, with pictures of minibeasts, which parents are welcome to come in and take a look at.

## Nursery Room:

We read "Jack & The Beanstalk" and were inspired to become keen gardeners. We planted seeds in the garden and also took some home! In keeping with our fairytale theme, we made a story-bag based on the tale of "The Gingerbread Man". In phonics, we have been focusing on the letters "S" and "T". Some of the children who are currently potty-training are making excellent progress and we are very proud of them.

## Pre-School Room:

We have been retelling the story of "Cinderella", and acting it out by pretending we had the glass slipper. After reading "The Rainbow Fish", we learnt about "SH" words and we also painted the scales of a fish. We also made houses from sticks, very much like the "Three Little Pigs". To celebrate St Patrick's day, we made rainbows with pots of gold at the end. The children have been learning about sizes and using the language of comparison. In phonics, we've had a heavy focus on the letters "sh", "p" and "qu" and "r". The children have also been interested in telling the time and we have been learning about "o'clock".

## EVENTS & NOTICES:

**PASSOVER (22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April)**

**Event Date:** Wednesday 27th April

We will be celebrating the Jewish Festival of Passover (Pesach in Hebrew) to commemorate the liberation of the Children of Israel who were led out of Egypt by Moses.



*Any families who have Jewish heritage are welcome to come and read the story of Moses at the nursery, or can email us with any ideas of activities for the children.*

**St. George's Day (23<sup>rd</sup> April)**

**Event Date:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

St George's Day is celebrated by the several nations, kingdoms, countries, and cities of which Saint George is the patron saint.

**International Dance Day (29<sup>th</sup> April)**

**Event Date:** Thursday 28th April

We will be getting our groove on to celebrate International Dance Day to a variety of music and dance styles. Please dress the children in the colours: Green for Babies, Red for Toddlers, Blue for Nursery & Yellow for Pre-School. If your child likes a song in a different language, please let us know the name of the song and the artist, and we will play it for the children to dance along to.

## NEW STAFF NOTICE:

**Sophie Ramsay** has started as an apprentice in the Toddler Room.

**Samira Ahmed** has rejoined us at Monkey Puzzle after some time off. Having previously worked for us for 3 and a half years, she knows the setting really well and even some parents who enrolled older siblings!



Gabriella giving a friendly cuddle to Augustin in the garden.



As you may know, we are currently selling smocks in the office for only £10! These wonderful smocks will protect your child's clothes from food, arts & crafts, and any other spillages (they must be labeled and must be washed at home; please note they are not waterproof). We previously purchased 15 smocks as a trial, and are thrilled to say they've all been sold! If you are interested, please email in or pop buy the office, so we can purchase more. Please note this will only be from Toddler Room & older.



Weston being a creative genius in his junk modeling activity with Tanvir.



Bianca and friends learning about animals that live under the sea.



Pre-School on a trip to Holland Park. A fun-filled visit to the Japanese garden where we saw a variety of different coloured fish in the pond; we even named the fish! We spotted some woodlice and some peacocks too.

**A big farewell from all the staff at Monkey Puzzle!**

