

## Welcome

We have had the best month so far, we have had a visit from a soldier where he proudly showed off his medals and different aspects of his uniform. We have also been learning about lots of different festivals and explored lots of messy play and STEM activities.

## What's to come...

December will be full of Christmas cheer! We will be doing 12 days of Giving where, the children and staff will be trying to give back to the community by participating in different activities, such as collecting donations for local charities, making Christmas cards for our neighbours and creating a Toad scavenger hunt around Farnborough – please keep an eye out for this one!



## What we have been up to...

This month, **Little Toads** and **Owls** have been little scientists, exploring exciting experiments and discoveries. They created a poppy field by mixing red and green dye with bicarbonate soda and vinegar, observing the fascinating reactions. We also experimented with oil and water, and even made "fireworks in a jar," which sparked curiosity and introduced new vocabulary such as FIZZ, BANG, and POP. Messy play has been just as popular, with the children exploring the texture of gloop. They loved getting hands-on and discovering descriptive words like runny, sticky, and smooth. Trains have also captured our children's imaginations this month. We learned about trains from around the world and explored the different places they travel, from bustling cities to mountain ranges, expanding both knowledge and curiosity about the wider world.

In **Hedgehogs** we have been concentrating on sensory play and learning how to be creative. The children have loved clapping in the foam to create indoor snow (lots of mess was made and giggles had). We have created lots of artwork like poppies for Remembrance Day using our hands in red paint and glitter, they also used different colours and round stampers to create a spotty piece in aid of Children in Need.



## Parent Notices

### Reminder – bring in warm clothes!

Now the weather is cooling down, please remember to pack some warmer layers for your child.

### New resources

Please take a look in our entrance area, we have nursery compost for you to take home, this has been made on site using any left-over foods.

### Staff updates

We would like to welcome Tracey, our new Level 3 to the team! Tracey will be working in the Owls room, supporting the team.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event- 12 days of Giving
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Litter Picking around our neighbourhood
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Party
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Donations for Animal Shelter
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Donations for Children's Hospital
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bake Sale
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent Festive Breakfast
24 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day at nursery till the 2 <sup>nd</sup> January



## Recipe of the Month – Parsnip, Butterbean & Apple Soup

(Serves 4-6)



### Ingredients

Parsnips - (peeled & diced) - 500g  
Potatoes (chopped) - 3  
Onion - (roughly diced) - 1 whole  
Carrot - (roughly diced) - 2 whole  
Garlic clove - (chopped) - 4 cloves  
Butterbeans - 1 can  
Apples (cored and chopped) - 2 whole  
Veg Stock - 1 cube  
Rosemary - 1 tsp



### Method

1. In a large pan, sweat the onions and garlic until cooked (but with no colour) in a bit of butter.
2. Add the carrots, potatoes and parsnips and apples.
3. Fill the pan with water to a level just above the vegetables.
4. Add butterbeans.
5. Bring back to the boil and then allow to simmer until all the ingredients are soft.
6. Blend to a smooth consistency.
7. Serve with half a baguette.

Kind Regards

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