

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our August newsletter. We are excited to announce that we have received a 5 stars on our recent food and hygiene inspection. We hope that you are enjoying the new nursery menu and our partnership with Tiny Tums, teaching us that food isn't just having a full tummy but is important for a range of things such as the children's brain development. Well done to our kitchen team, Prem and Helen!



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs

This month the Hedgehogs have enjoyed learning all about *The very Hungry Caterpillar*. To extend from the book, they created their own caterpillar out of a box and fed different foods through its mouth. This also extended further into exploring the life cycle of a butterfly. They have also enjoyed lots of sensory play with different materials such as foam, spaghetti, oobleck and on the hot days, ice and water. Hedgehogs practiced their pouring skills by making and enjoying their own ice lollies.

Butterflies

This month, Butterflies have also been exploring *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and created their own caterpillar for posting. Following on from this and to extend the children's learning they created their own butterflies out of paper plates and created their own cocoon to explore, the children were able to crawl through this and come out the other side as a butterfly. They have also enjoyed creating their own kinetic sand, helping to make their own playdough and exploring a messy dinosaur swamp.

Little Toads

Little Toads have been really interested in mixing colours and making predictions on what they think will happen when two colours are mixed. Whilst colour mixing the water, they were developing their fine motor skills by using pipettes to transfer the different coloured water. They have enjoyed exploring lots of ice and water play to keep us cool during the hot weather and began exploring different items that sink and float. All the water play developed a big interest in different under water animals.

Owls

This month the Owls celebrated the World Cup, having a party with glow sticks, balloons and music. They also began exploring different emotions, using *The Colour Monster* and created their own paintings of the colour monster. The Owls also created their own potions using water play with an array of materials in it, creating different colours, textures and smells.

Badgers

The Badgers have been exploring their vegetables that they have grown and used them to develop lots of their skills. They have counted peas and matched the amount to a number. They also used their fine motor skills to grate carrots. The children prepped for their graduation and have now officially graduated from the Badgers room, ready for big school!

What's to come...



Parent Notices

Nursery payments

Please can we ask all families to ensure their fees have reached us by the 1st of the month for the month ahead. A 5% interest charge may be added to any late fees. This applies to all methods of payment.

Lending library

Please can everyone ensure they are returning the books from the lending library so that we can keep it going.

Opening hours

Please note the nursery opening hours are 8am until 6pm. If you require a detailed handover at the end of the day, please ensure that you are arriving before 6pm.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
29 th August	Summer BBQ 10am-2pm, BBQ at 12.30pm
Monday 31 st August	Bank Holiday – nursery closure



The Badgers had a lovely day for their graduation. Thank you to all that attended. ♥

Recipe of the Month

Pea & Paneer Curry

Ingredients

- 300g paneer, cubed
- 500g peas (frozen)
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 200g tinned tomatoes
- 1.5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tbsp mild curry powder
- 200ml coconut milk
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil

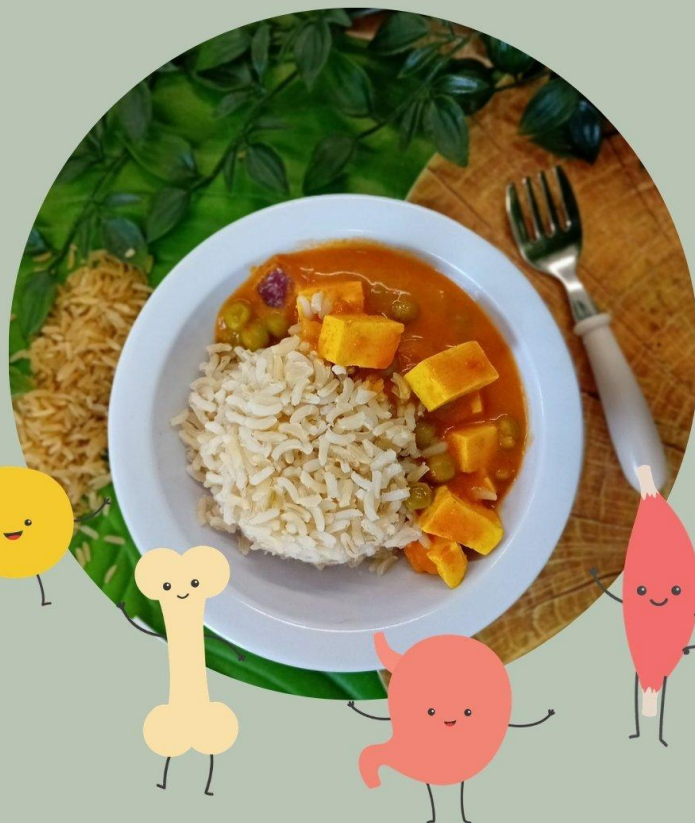
Method

1. Heat oil in a large pot, sauté onions and garlic until soft.
2. Stir in curry powder and tomatoes; cook for 5 minutes.
3. Add coconut milk and bring to a gentle simmer.
4. Stir in peas and paneer, simmer for 10-15 minutes until heated through.
5. Serve with rice or naan.

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