



# Little Einstein's Nurseries Dundee

## Welcome to our Spring Newsletter

By Ashley Middleton

We would like to take this opportunity to tell our parents about the exciting things that have been happening in our nursery over the last few months and to share with you any upcoming events that will be happening.

### Discoverers (0-2 years)

Within the Discoverers the children have showed a lot of interest in the material treasure basket. This then took us onto our first interest which was senses. For this chosen interest we did messy play so that the children were able to feel all the different textures and explore. The children enjoyed getting their feet painted and then made prints with these on the paper. We also took the children out around our local area to collect twigs & leaves which we used in our tuff tray for the children to explore.

We then went onto look at our next interest which was babies. For this interest the children enjoyed using the different colours of paint to paint the baby dolls for an art activity. We also put the baby dolls into our water tray. The children enjoyed using the sponges to wash the babies down. On our tuff tray we set this up as a baby area. The

children enjoyed feeding the baby dolls, changing their nappies and putting them to bed for a rest. We also went for a visit to our local library to get some books.

The children have shown an interest in physical skills that they are developing. For example - the children have enjoyed crawling through the tents & tunnels. We plan to introduce more activities to develop the children's physical and movement skills by providing them with balls for rolling to encourage crawling for the younger children. We also plan to introduce more shape sorters etc. to develop hand eye co-ordinations as well as the footballs to kick back and forward

to each other.



### Investigators (2-3 years)

In the 2-3-year-old room the children have been learning all about winter, transport, favourite characters, and will soon be moving onto Mother's Day. We also celebrated World Book Day. We went on a bus down to visit the bus station, did lots of different art work that was transport related and played outside in the garden pretending to make a train. For our Winter interest we enjoyed playing outside in the snow making a snowman and experimenting turning water into ice.

The children are currently interested in people who help us and the weather. We will visit the library for topic books, do a rain gauge and visit the park. We will also have a walk down to the local police station, change our role play area into a dentist and visit the dentist.





### Inventors (3-5 years)

In the pre-school room we have been looking at the children's interests. These have been: numbers, roleplay & space and we are currently looking at dinosaurs.

For numbers we were focusing on improving the children's learning on recognising the different numbers from 1-20. We also looked at improving the children's counting abilities doing activities that included 'cheerio' counting, ladybird artwork and sponge painting numbers.

When doing role play we found a lot of the children were enjoying playing in the different areas of the room pretending to be families and be mums, dads, babies and dogs. To develop this interest further we tried to introduce different aspects of this into the home corner and other areas. In the small world the children liked to play with the different toys and pretend to have weddings.

For the topic "Space" we learned about the solar system. We created a space wall display with aliens and spaceships. We also collected new books on this topic from our local library.

For our current interest of dinosaurs, we are planning an outing to the local library to collect new books for this. We are also going to do various activities which will improve their learning, including digging for dinosaur bones, dinosaur footprint painting and different art work to create new wall displays.



### Spring Menus

Spring menus have been introduced and are being rotated 4 weekly – these should be displayed throughout the nursery, if you require a copy please ask.



### Change of clothes

Can all parents please ensure that their child has a spare set of clothes either in their tray or on their peg, we do not have any spare clothing in the nursery therefore if your child does become dirty or they have an accident then you will need to be called to bring clothes with you when collecting your child.



### Nursery Fee's

Can I remind all parents that nursery fees are to be paid in advance and not in arrears. Also, to make sure all fees are paid by the last day in the month. If your child's fees are overdue, then your child will be refused until payment is made.



### Staff Changes

There are a few staff changes within the nursery. We would like to welcome Lauren Mitchell who joined us in March 2018. She is based in the inventor's room. Also, Buthy will leave us on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018, we wish her all the best in the future. We would like to

welcome Calvin back to Dundee. He will back with our team from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018. We also have Hannah moving from the Dundee nursery to help at Arbroath in April 2018. Therefore, some staff changes are happening within rooms. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 the rooms are as follow:

Inventors: Belinda, Danielle, Calvin

Investigators: Jade, Kaylee, Lauren

Discoverers: Dawn, Samantha, Kiara

### Dates to remember

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2018** –Photo day at nursery, photographer will be in nursery from 10.00am

**30<sup>th</sup> March 2018** – Easter party

\*Easter bonnet competition

\*Egg hunt

\*Best decorated boiled egg



**29<sup>th</sup> May 2018** – Parents Evening

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2018** – Pre-school Graduation 1.30pm

(Parents of graduating children are welcome to attend our graduation ceremony at 1.30pm within the nursery. Refreshments will be provided).



**Anything else please feel free to speak to the nursery manager.**