



March 2018

## West Acton

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#### Our Nursery Team

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Welcome to Monkey Puzzle West Acton!

We have been exploring our new toys and equipment as well as investigating the equipment in the garden.

We have been learning about taking turns, sharing and making friends. Don't forget to look out at our website and Family for more updates!

All upcoming events:

**Autism Awareness Day – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – As we are not here we will be following this on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. We will be exploring our senses by dimming lights in the rooms, lowering music and heightening messy play activities.**

**World Food Night – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April – 6:30pm – 8:30pm – Please feel free to come along with a dish that is popular in your culture.**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – For St George's Day we are asking that all children please wear something red and white.**

#### Notices and Reminders:

**Drop off/Pick up** In line with our Safeguarding Policy, we kindly ask that **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES** should you hold the foyer door open for anybody allowing them access into the main body of the nursery. We know that this can seem a little over the top when you recognise the person behind you but it is something that we **MUST INSIST** on. Many thanks for your understanding with this matter.

**Medication** Please advise a member of staff if your child is on any medication. You do not need to send any pain relief (Calpol or equivalent) into nursery. We have our own supply which is kept away from children at all times.

**Photographs** We would like to update Family Sign in with photographs of adults that collect your child from nursery to aid our safeguarding practice. Therefore, please can we ask that you send a photo of anyone (including yourself) who picks or may pick your child up from nursery to [manager@monkeypuzzleacton.co.uk](mailto:manager@monkeypuzzleacton.co.uk) Please ensure that it is just a clear, head shot only.



#### WOW Moments

Here at Monkey Puzzle West Acton we are dedicated to making sure you as parents and carers are with us every step of the way in your child's development.

Shortly you will be sent a document which lets you write about what your child has done at home and how they are developing. You will be given the opportunity to add photos and tell us all about their home life!

We will love to hear from you.

### Planned Activities for March in Teenies!

#### Sensory Play

Rice play, sand, water, painting to learn through senses such as touching, vision and sound.

#### Circle times/Communcation

Singing the good morning song along with many others, learning our emotions through pictures and songs, learning farm animals by singing old mcdonald.

#### Physical Development

Learning to hold a cup and bottle using both hands with support from adults, starting to use a spoon to self feed, encouraging children to use their hands to make marks on paper, encourage children to use the stairs safely (using legs, arms and bottoms)

#### Personal, Social and Emtional Development

Building relationships with special people like their key person, naming games to learn all of our friends and teachers names, learning some yes and no boundaries.

#### Celebrations

Red and white flags for St George's Day

### Planned Activities for March in Toddlers and Pre School!

#### Literacy

Using story sacks and props to read our favourite stories

Singing Phonics with our friends

Using different letters with objects in the room

#### Maths

Number line using the children and learning about adding and taking away

Using the coloured bowls and bears to learn about adding and subtraction using visual aids

#### Sciene and Investigation

Exploring ice and watching it go from solid to liquid

Making our own lava lamps

#### Garden/Physical Play

Using bikes and learning to use the pedals independently

Learning different skills with the balls – kicking, throwing, rolling

#### Cooking

Fruit Smoothies – Chopping our own fruits with adult supervision

Making our own Homous

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