



Toddler Class Weekly Newsletter



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful vacation. Thank you very much for all the lovely Christmas cards and gifts. We felt very spoilt indeed!

We are really looking forward to an exciting half term of learning. Our topic is 'Helping Hands', in which we will learn about being a kind and helpful friend, and about the people who help to keep us safe and healthy in our community. We will also be showing our gratitude for the people who help us at school and at home in the lead up to Valentine's Day. Please see the attached Topic Map to see this half term's learning opportunities for your child.

Our first week was spent looking at the beautiful book, 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. From the story we learned that doing kind things and sharing with our friends can be lots of fun. We had a lovely time creating art together, as well as playing games that encouraged us take turns

This week:



We have begun learning all about the people who help us in our community, such as doctors, firefighters, doctors, nurses, paramedics, vets, dentists, construction workers and more. For the remainder of the week we will focus on firefighters and doctors/nurses, with plenty of opportunities for role play, small world play, fiction and non-fiction books, arts and crafts and singing.

I am hoping to organise a 'field trip' for the class at the headquarters of some of our very own community helpers for next week. Please look out for an email for more details once the plans have been finalised. We would be very grateful for parent helpers to drive and accompany the children.

At home:

If you spot any Community Helpers such as police or firefighters out and about, or visit the dentist or doctor's surgery, you could talk with your child about the vehicles they drive, uniforms they wear, or equipment they are using, as well as the things they do for us.

We would also love to see photos of your children with these people for our display, if the opportunity presents itself!

If your child has any stories about Community Helpers that they particularly enjoy, we'd love to share them with the class at Circle Time. Please make sure you write your child's name in the front if you do send in any books, so we can make sure they are returned to the right child!

News:



We are really excited to have Miss Kiki join us in Toddler class. Miss Kiki has worked at our school for a number of years in our Early Years classes, and has a wealth of experience and ideas. Upon her return from her studies in Education and Nursing in the US, she has now joined our class permanently. Ms. Shara will work full time in our Kindergarten Class, and on the Theatre Arts programmes across the school

The Toddlers will still see Ms. Shara in the mornings during our merged outdoor play sessions, and she will never be far away!

Thank you!



Reminders:



We have begun to use the journals for communication with you again. Take a look every few day to see if we have used it to pass on any achievements or news from the morning. Please also continue to share any events, achievements or things your child enjoys. We love to share in their news.

Thank you.

