

Keswick House Nursery

Newsletter



Week beginning 12th June 2023

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a very sunny fortnight in Nursery and we are now on the home stretch to the end of a super academic year. The last three weeks of a summer term are always busy and exciting with much to look forward to.

We have witnessed some wonderful collaborative play amongst the children during both free-flow and garden time. It is lovely how well they all get on and play together; there are so many friendship bonds developing and we hope this continues over the summer holidays.

Upper Nursery News

The Upper Nursery have enjoyed exploring the concept of 'measuring'. They have been practising their measuring and weighing skills and many show a good understanding of both these problem-solving mathematical skills. They are also getting to grips with the idea that we measure fairly by ensuring that we are using the same sized unit to measure with; we even decided to use our foam blocks to measure each other and the children carefully selected the same sized blocks to work with. They have also been practising number bonds 1-10 using the Numicon counting equipment.

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Jackson pollock Art and created their own display which you can see in the main hall and also used their work as a canopy for our reading arch in the garden – very inventive!



In Forest School the children went on a blindfold nature walk which is an amazing sensory experience for all with an element of trust and risk taking.

In phonics we have been revisiting and consolidating all the letters/sounds we have learnt so far. The children have all been working so well as they learn some new digraphs, identifying them in words and even suggesting their own words.

During our Physical Development lessons Coach Pedro has been encouraging the children to practise new coordination, balance, football and hockey skills. We have also been practising our Yoga poses which has calmed them beautifully. The children have loved making rainbows using coloured pens and coffee filter paper which kicked off our topic on Pride.







Lower Nursery News

A warm welcome to our newest member of the Lower Nursery, Adele. The children are delighted to have a new friend and have been busy showing her the ropes!

Over the past few weeks, we have spent a lot of time outside benefitting from outdoor learning in our beautiful garden. The children have spotted shadows as they played, bugs under the logs and stones they turned and were delighted to explore any water-based activity; this week they have wanted to take their shoes off to splash in puddles!

In the forest this week the children organised a teddy bear picnic for their cuddly teddy bears. The children loved being together as a whole class. They took them on the bus and showed them the way to the forest, through the flora and over the bridge. It was so sweet to see them being responsible for their cuddly toys. Once the children decided on the perfect spot for the picnic they set up camp. This activity is great to do at home as it requires the children to plan and problem solve.

The sand pit continues to delight the children, engaging their imagination and creativity; the children are brilliant at sharing tools. We have really been focussing on sandcastles and encouraging the children to 'pat'.

The water wall has been very popular too. They spend so much time at this activity scooping and pouring the water through the pipes and tubes, following the water's trail to the other end, before starting the process all over again. They squeal with delight when the water comes out of the pipes!

Yet again the dance lessons took us on many 'dancing' adventures. The children impressed Mrs Lea and the teachers with their knowledge and vocabulary about Space, the Solar system

and planets. Some were even able to point out Mars as a red planet and Jupiter as the blue one.

The children have been spotting rainbows everywhere as Pride month is upon us and one of the ways we celebrated was by making a rainbow cloud. They were happy to see their rainbows displayed in our home corner.

Having looked at many types of boats in project we turned our attention to pond life. We observed water lilies and learned about a lake's ecosystem before creating a picture inspired by the famous Monet's "Water lilies".







June is Pride Month and takes place every year. It is a celebration to recognise the influence of the LGBTQ+ community, celebrating diversity and people's right to be themselves, without discrimination. The children will learn about what makes them and others special and

unique, empowering them to feel proud of their differences. Please see our book suggestions this month, for some lovely child-friendly ways to explore Pride and learn about all kinds of families. We added a few water-based ones too!

Books

Please see below a list of books which you may like to purchase or borrow from the library.

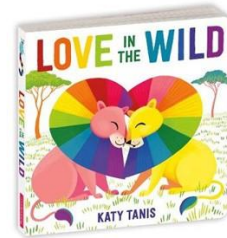
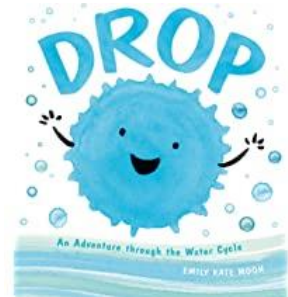
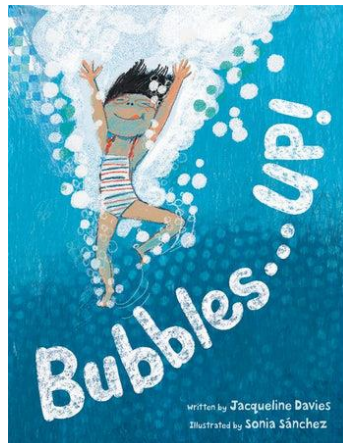
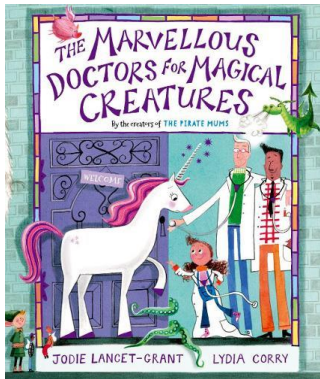
Love in the Wild- Katy Tanis

We are Family- Patricia Hegarty

Drop by Emily Moon

Bubbles up! - Jacqueline Davies

Marvellous Doctors for Magical People- Jodie Lancett Grant



Other news:

We have many upcoming events including our school trip to Bocketts Farm on Monday 19th June. Details about the trip have already been sent. If you are a helper we look forward to seeing you bright and early on Monday!

Upper Nursery have their visit to the main school and library on Tuesday 27th June. The children will travel to and from the school by the school minibus. Any child joining The Roche will have the opportunity to meet their teacher and have a sneaky peek at their classroom.

Your key teachers will be in touch via Tapestry to arrange Parent Appointments. Our Parents/Social evening is on Tuesday 27th June which we hope you can all attend.

Could we also remind parents correct summer uniform must be worn to Nursery; this also includes correct coloured socks, hair ties and suitable shoes please. We have our school photographs on Thursday 29th June so we ask that all children look smart please!

Our Leavers' concert will be held on Thursday 5th July at 2.15 p.m. - this is for Upper Nursery parents only.

On hot days can you please ensure sun cream is applied before arrival and to bring a sun hat.

Best wishes

Nursery Team