

A note to parents:

We would like to start by thanking all parents for their continued support. We're pleased to be able to assure you the children have welcomed new staff and peers and are continuing to enjoy their time exploring, playing and learning at Busy Beacons!

Room Names:

We are now referring to the baby room as 'The Hedgehog Room' and the mixed age room as 'The Squirrel Room'. This small change felt especially fitting seeing as your little ones are inquisitive explorers in awe of their natural surroundings at Nursery!

Key Person & Key Buddy System:

The key person approach in early years is an important aspect of EYFS practice, designed to support children's learning and development. Each child within an early years setting is allocated a key person. The key person will build positive relationships with both the child and their family. We now also have a 'Key Buddy System' in place. Please kindly see our new display which is located on the window by the peg area in the nursery to see who your child's key person and key buddy is. We have an open door policy so always feel free to check in with your child's key person!



Kind Reminders

- ❑ **Security** – It is very important for parents and visitors to close the garden gate and put the latch on when you bring your child to nursery or collect them. Please ensure it is kept closed securely.
- ❑ **Spare Clothes Request** – If your child has outgrown any clothes, socks etc, please kindly consider donating to nursery.
- ❑ **Mobile Phones & Smart Watches** – Please can we remind everyone of the importance of not using mobile phones whilst in the nursery setting. We kindly ask that you don't make phone calls or answer incoming calls whilst in the building. These must be done outside, either before you enter or when leaving.
- ❑ Please **fill your child's bag** with spare clothes, we may need to change them during the day as they will be exploring water, sand, messy play and more!

Thank you for your co-operation, as always, with all the above!



We would greatly appreciate it if parents would consider donating recycling materials for an upcoming junk modelling project in the New Year. Please note **do not** send in any toilet roll tubes.

Thank you in advance!

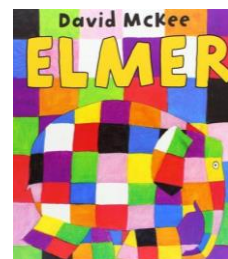
Topic of the Month:



We are pleased to share that from January onwards, we will be introducing a monthly topic as well as a 'Book of the Month'.

Keep an eye out for the engaging activities provided and the observations to come from these via Tapestry. We'd love to hear your thoughts and comments on these. We'd also greatly appreciate it if parents could upload observations of any special moments you'd like to share with us over the Christmas break – It's always lovely to see what the children get up to over their time away from us. Children having a chance to reflect on special memories with their peers and familiar staff supports them in strengthening the all important bonds formed here at nursery while also affirming confidence in their sense of self!

Book of the Month:



Linking to our topic, we will be looking at 'Elmer' by David McKee.