



Midland Road
Nursery School

and lead for
Lister Park
Children's Centre Cluster Services

This Term in **Blue & Green** Room



Summer 1 2018

More detailed plans are done on a weekly basis. These are displayed for you to view but please ask if you would like your own copy. We will also keep you updated in our weekly 'What's Happening'.

Jeśli potrzebujesz tłumaczenia na język polski użyj numeru.

যদি এই অনুবাদ বাংলায় চান তাহলে উপরের সংখ্যায় যোগাযোগ করুন.

اگر آپ اردو میں اس کا ترجمہ کرنا چاہتے ہیں تو اوپر نمبر سے رابطہ کریں

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR OUR RECIPES OF THE MONTH— HEALTHY TREATS TO MAKE AND EAT WITH YOUR CHILD!

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You can talk to your child about our energy code (which we will give to you) and about ways to look after our world by recycling materials. You can ask them to help you sort items for recycling on rubbish collection days. You can also bring unwanted used items to nursery i.e. yoghurt pots, empty boxes, lids and used wrapping paper! We can reuse them for junk modelling or imaginative play and much more!

You can take your child on a technological walk in the local area and see how many technological things you can find. This can include things such as pelican crossings, cash machines, parking meters, digital advertising screens as well as visit a technological shop, which sells digital equipment.

Dates for your diary this half term

Wednesday 2nd May Plant a Sunflower Seed day
Come & join your child and plant a sunflower seed to take home and help your child to take care and watch it grow. If possible please upload pictures of the growth of your child's sunflower on Early Essence under the 'home learning' section.



Monday 7th May

Nursery closed for May Day

Wednesday 16th May

Fluoride Varnish Consent Day

Wednesday 23rd May

Fluoride Varnish Application Day

Friday 25th May

Nursery closes for half term

THIS HALF-TERM IN BLUE AND GREEN ROOMS

What we think our children will enjoy learning

The weather is warming up and it's now time to plant!

Last term children displayed a keen interest in learning about the fruits in the story of Handa's Surprise storybook. They were interested in looking closely at similarities and differences in seeds. We will build on this by growing and tending to plants and flowers, and making observations of the similarities, differences and changes. This will help children to understand about life cycles and where food comes from. We will start by planting quick-sprouting seeds such as sunflowers, cress, salad seeds and beans.



Extending children's interests in babies and doll play.

A number of children enjoy looking after the baby dolls, feeding and putting them to sleep, taking them for walks so we would like to build on this.

In addition a few parents from both Green and Blue Room have given birth to new babies and some are soon to give birth. We feel children will enjoy learning about caring for babies as children have been talking about their new siblings. This will also support children to make sense and cope with the change that they will experience.

We will follow individual children's particular interests in babies. We will arrange a visit to Mothercare to see what

things babies may need as well as find out how many children in our class have a baby brother or a sister. We will also invite our parents/staff to bath their babies in nursery so that children can see how to take care of real babies.

Maja Duba's baby brother
Macej Duba



What we would like to teach our children about

Our core story this term will be Jack and the beanstalk

The repetitive story will support literacy, which is a key focus of our Nursery Improvement Plan. Children will be helped to develop an understanding of the story setting, the characters and the key events through telling stories, acting it out inside and outside and making story maps of Jack's journey. We will also make up our own versions of the story too. The core story will also link well with our growing and planting theme. We will also make books about growing with simple sentences for children to read.



Allotment visits - We hope to make several visits to the allotment this term and next term, which will provide opportunities for sensory exploration, being outside with nature and provide a purposeful way of working alongside each other. We need parents to volunteer in order for this learning to take place. Please speak to a member of Green and Blue Room staff if you are able to support us.

Recycle, Reduce and Reuse-We will help children to embed sustainability into their daily practice at nursery and at home by encouraging children to respect and care for their natural world through reusing and recycling. This will include sorting out items, which we can recycle and reuse using literacy skills (recognising simple labels).

Incorporate ICT in all areas of learning-We will provide children with a wide range of technologies such as: cameras, photocopiers, CD players, tape recorders, programmable toys, talk-time postcards, metal detectors in order to develop their knowledge & understanding of how technology can be used in a range of contexts. This will develop their skills of how to make different equipment work e.g. twisting knobs and pressing buttons. We will also enhance our role-play areas both indoors & outdoors with **real-life technological items**- such as mobile phones, television remote controls, computer keyboards, calculators, watches, digital clocks and CD/MP3. This will give children the opportunity to build their confidence in using these items as part of their on-going imaginative play.



Things you can do to support your child's learning

If you are a health visitor, a midwife or a nurse, we would be extremely grateful if you are able to come into nursery and share your expert knowledge and resources about babies. Please send baby photos of your child as we will be looking at similarities and differences in ourselves as a baby and now.