



Summer Term no 2
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Montalbo Nursery Newsletter

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Nursery Notices:

- **Please remember to bring in a spare change of clothes –our Nursery supplies are low!**
- **Don't forget..*May Day Monday 6th May – Nursery and School closed.***
- **Photograph day this year is Tuesday 21st May – more information to follow.**

Nursery Places 2013 - 2014

There are still nursery places available for next year. So if you know any two year olds who will be eligible for Government funded place next school year, please encourage them to come and have a look around our nursery. Just a phone call is required to let us know you are visiting.

Word Wall

To encourage early reading skills we are going to create a 'Word Wall' in our story corner. The idea is for children to bring in words, logos or names they recognise e.g McDonalds, to put onto our Word Wall. They then show and share with other children their 'reading' skills.

Certificates



Montalbo Nursery Certificates were awarded to..
Ross for settling into Nursery confidently and happily.



George for drawing different patterns on a butterfly template.

Diary Dates

May 6th school closed MAY DAY bank holiday
 May 21st – School and Nursery photographs
 May 24th - school closed for a week.
 June 3rd - School reopens
 July 19th School closes for summer holidays

Remember.....

Stickers will be given to children who bring something in to add to the investigation table.

Who's who?

Mrs Bainbridge –

Head Teacher and Manager of Montalbo Extra Childcare Facility

Mrs Taylor – Foundation Stage Coordinator and Nursery Teacher

Miss Mitchell - Nursery Practitioner

Mrs Eilbeck –Nursery Nurse

Julia Kicks – Childcare Practitioner at Breakfast and Monty's After-school Club

Carrie Collin - Childcare Practitioner at Monty's After-school Club

Mrs Ridley - Reception Teacher

Mrs Hauxwell – Secretary for School and Nursery.

Mrs Lockwood Childcare Assistant at Breakfast Club

Mrs Wood Childcare Practitioner at Monty's After-school Club, lunch supervisor in Nursery.

This week we have been investigating Mini-beasts and talking about the life cycle of a butterfly.

We have drawn symmetrical patterns on butterfly templates; re-told the Hungry Caterpillar story; continued building our bug hotel; made 3D models of butterflies and caterpillars (see our display in the entrance). On Thursday we had a visitor to Nursery called Flossie. Everyone enjoyed meeting, playing with and feeding the pet lamb!



Next week we are continuing our Life Cycle theme looking at the Life Cycle of a frog.

Sounds & Letters

We are continuing to introduce letter sounds in a fun and informal way. Last week we introduced the sound 'g' for Rabbits and 'f' for Owls. This week it will be 'o' and 'b'. Remember that we learn the sound of the letter at this stage rather than the alphabet name. Owls are also learning to read the letters.

Independent Learning

To encourage your child's independent skills please remember to dress your child in clothes with easy/simple fastenings when at nursery. This makes going to the toilet, taking off and putting on shoes when playing outside etc... much easier. Belts and buttons on trousers can sometimes be tricky and laces can be frustrating for children who are trying to do things for themselves.

Things to look out for.....

- You may be aware from the media about the Measles epidemic. Durham County have issued a letter of information – please read carefully.
- If you have noticed your child has very red cheeks or a small rash, headache or aching joints it could be the symptoms of Slapped Cheek, diagnosed in Barnard Castle by local GPs.
- Should children develop scabs near mouths or noses it is likely to be Impetigo. This is highly contagious so seek medical advice.