

Small World Nursery News

January 2019



Term Dates

Spring term starts on **Monday 7th January 2019**

February Half term – Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Feb 2019

Spring term finishes on Friday 5th April

******* Please note that these dates may vary slightly from school term dates**

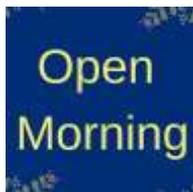


Friday 19th April- Good Friday

Monday 21st April – Easter Monday

Monday 6th May –Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May – Bank Holiday



We would love to invite you to our open morning on

Wednesday 23rd January
10.00-11.30

Providing you an opportunity to come and meet other parents, access your child's learning journey or ask any questions about the nursery.



Closing Date for applications is 15th January 2019

Apply online by visiting:

https://emsonline.leics.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Please put your choices down in preferential order **NOT** alphabetical order.



As we are heading into winter and the weather turns colder, sometimes our nursery must close because of events beyond their control, such as staff unable to get in (many live outside of Loughborough) heating failure or structural issues. In 22 yrs we have never closed but if we do close, we will report these closures via Eylog & the nursery Facebook page.



Weather

Please can we remind you that your child needs to be suitably dressed for all weathers. As a nursery without an outdoor area, we need to take the children outside to evidence this part of their learning but we are unable to do so unless they are appropriately dressed for weather.



Many thanks for those that completed our parent's questionnaire. It is really helpful to gather your feedback in order to inform our development plan and improve our nursery.

I would love to speak with those that complete there questionnaires in order to get some further information regarding some issues raised.

Many thanks
Mel ☺



Don't forget to share your photos of your child and your family outside of the nursery and send them in via Eylog. We would love to see what you get up to.



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Loose Parts

Loose parts are the opposite of toys. Toys are designed with specific purposes; loose parts are not. The concept of “loose parts” is understood by children worldwide; any child noticing odds and ends lying about will instinctively pick them up and put them to use. This is because children have active hands and active minds with a gift for seeing possibilities that adults miss.



Our children can choose how to use these items. They can combine them, line them up, join them together, and transport them. Developing opportunities for creativity, critical thinking, problem solving. Opportunities for counting, sorting. Mathematical concepts and so many more learning outcomes. Our children can use the items for construction, building, joining them together, and developing skills of problem solving and critical thinking. Through the use of items we are opening up a wealth of opportunities to experience a range of textures, size, shape and variable weights. All of these help our children to develop mathematical concepts, providing opportunities for conversation and questioning.

In open-ended play children themselves decide what to do, how to do it, and what to use. For children who immerse in it, open-ended play evolves in amazing ways. Initially it consists of fluid experimentation. Over time it becomes increasingly purposeful as children start to plan what to act out or invent.



Loose parts have no fixed outcome which means there is no right or wrong way to play or use these items. Which in turn ensures learning is not prescriptive with adult determined outcomes. Our children can take ownership of their play and it opens up endless possibilities to learning and development. By using and interacting with these items our children are developing essential manipulative skills, building their dexterity and fine motor skills in preparation for later pencil control. Their focus is on the process of learning and being actively engaged, instead of creating an end result e.g. a picture. Through the use of loose parts we are celebrating play as fundamental to our children’s learning and development. Children should be researchers in their own learning, highly motivated to engage and develop their concentration skills and levels of perseverance

Loose parts ensure children are taught HOW to THINK, not WHAT to Think!



Discover

Small World Nursery

Helping little people develop and grow

Holiday Clubs

- Town Centre Location
- Consistently 'GOOD' Ofsted Reports
- Over 20 yrs experience
- Well Trained Experienced Staff



2018

Mon 16th July - Fri 20th July *

Mon 23rd July - Fri 27th July *

Mon 30th July – Fri 3rd Aug

Mon 6th Aug – Fri 10th Aug

Mon 13th Aug – Fri 17th Aug

Mon 20th Aug – Fri 24th Aug

Mon 22nd Oct - Fri 26th Oct

* Not running for The Tribe (8-11 yr olds)

2019

Mon 18th Feb - Fri 22nd Feb

Mon 8th April - Fri 12th April

Mon 15th April - Thurs 18th April

Tues 28th May - Fri 31st May

Mini Tribe (3-5 yr olds)



Junior Tribe (5-7 yr olds)



The Tribe (8-11 yr olds)

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