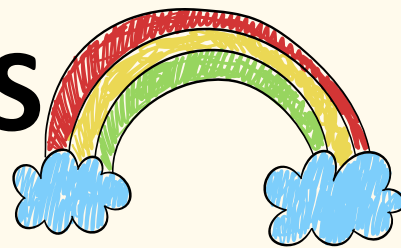


TWECHAR EARLY YEARS CENTRE




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DATE: January 2025

WELCOME

Hello!




Happy New Year everyone, we're so happy to be back! It has been a busy couple of months for us here at Twechar EYC. We have welcomed some new children and families, and would like to say a big warm welcome to Twechar EYC. Our Acting Head Teacher, Mrs Brogan has accepted a permanent position as our Head Teacher here at Twechar EYC and we would like to pass our congratulations to her. We are so looking forward to having her as part of Team Twechar on a permanent basis.

LENDING LIBRARY

You will find our lending library at the front door of the Nursery. Please feel free to choose a book with your child to take home and sign the book in/out. Every child has their own lending library bag and inside of this you will find a loyalty card, each time the children read a book from our lending library, they will receive a sticker. Once you have collected 5 stickers you earn a prize. Happy Reading!

TWECHAR CLOTHING SWAP



Our Eco committee have started a Twechar EYC clothes swap rail in our cloak room. If you have any old clothes in good condition that you would like to donate, please hang these on our rail. These clothes can then be taken and given a new home. Thank you so much for all of your donations to our clothes rail so far, these are greatly appreciated.

TREAT FUND

We are incredibly grateful for your donations to the nursery treat fund as this enables us to provide various activities throughout the year, such as Halloween and Easter events, snacks and treats, a graduation celebration and buy the children their school ties and a book, to go on nursery trips, have fun days and to have a Christmas party with a special visitor and a gift for every child for Christmas. Thank you for your continued support with this!


We now have a nursery bank account for the Nursery Treat Fund. The details for this are as follows:

Account Name: *Twechar Nursery Class Fund*
Sort Code: *82-69-13*
Account Number: *50419195*

When sending money to this account, please include the following reference:

"TF – CHILDS FIRST INITIAL AND LAST NAME"


(Example Reference): TF – J Smith



CONTACT DETAILS

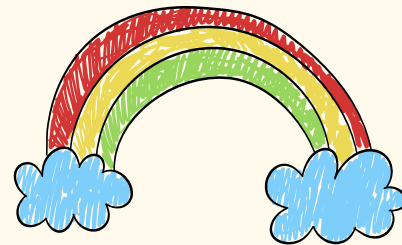
Please let us know if you have changed your phone number or home address recently. It is very important we have working contact details in case your child becomes unwell or we need to contact you urgently.

SAFETY FIRST



If someone else is collecting your child, please let us know and we can add them to the list of authorized people to do so. It is important that whoever collects your child, has the password given at enrolment and I.D. Please see the table as you enter the main cloakroom and sign your child in and out at the start and end of each session. **Remember to close the black gates in the playground as you enter and exit.**

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24th January: Wear something tartan to celebrate Burns Night

19th February: In Service Day (*Nursery Closed*)

Week Beginning 3rd March: Stay and Play Week

6th March: World Book Day

7th March: Nursery Fundraiser (Doors open- 7pm)

10th March: Outdoor Family Learning Block Begins

21st March: Comic Relief

29th January : Chinese New Year Begins

Please see full list of Dates for your Diary attached

POLICY REVIEW

We will be sending out a policy alongside the newsletter every month. This month we have attached our "Sleep Safe" policy for you to review. If there is anything you think should be added, altered or removed from this policy or if you have any questions or comments about this, please let us know.

CUPPA AND A CATCH UP

We would like to invite all parents, families and carers to our Cuppa and a Catch up. We'd love to see you all there!

Please see Sandra for any more details or info about this!

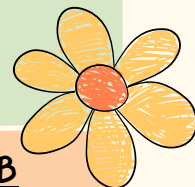


CLOTHING

We kindly ask that belongings are clearly labelled to ensure items can be found with ease. To ensure your child is comfortable, soft shoes should be worn indoors. We ask that these shoes are not slippers as they can become loose easily and/or children can slide in them. We play outdoors in all weathers, so we recommend clothing for all seasons. As we are getting into the colder seasons, we recommend a warm jacket and a warm hat are provided. We often explore the local area, and wellies and a jacket are essential throughout the year.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property box in the foyer if your child is missing any clothing.



NO BREAKFAST CLUB

For your information, we do not have a breakfast club at Nursery. Children should have their breakfast before attending.

TIME-KEEPING

Please be aware of your child's session times as this can have an impact on the running of the Nursery day.

BIRTHDAY CAKES

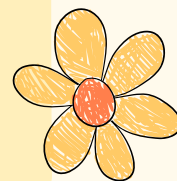
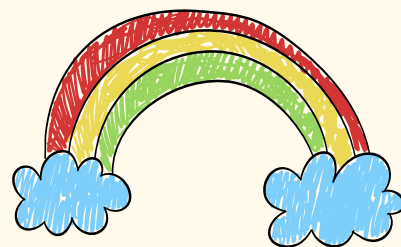
You may hand a shop bought cake in for your child's birthday, if you wish. This must not contain nuts (*traces are OK*).

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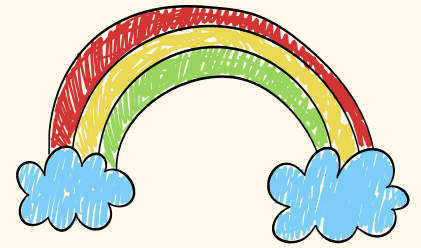
If your child is going to be absent, can parents/carers please ensure that they contact the nursery office by 9.30am/1.30pm. If we do not hear from you by these times, we will begin to follow the absence procedure.



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DATE: Dec24/Jan25

THANK YOU

We would like to say a big thank you to all of those who were involved with and/or attended our Christmas Fayre's. Over the festive period we have managed to raise just over £600 for our nursery funds.

Thank you to Sandra and the Friday morning parents group for all your help and donations towards our Christmas fayre and party. Also for wrapping all our Santa's gifts.

Thank you to the wonderful Santa Clause who came to visit us during our Christmas Party and also to Santa on a bike who came to spread some Christmas cheer at Twechar Primary School and EYC.

Thank you to all parents, guardians and family members who came to join us on our Santa Dash. We appreciate you giving up your time for this event and braving the cold weather!

ADDITIONAL INFO

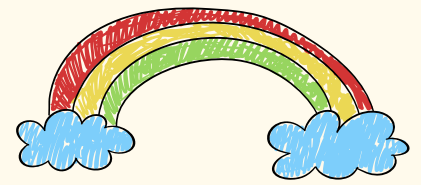
We are planning a **Fundraiser** to raise funds for the Early Years Centre. This will be a "Through the Decades" themed night on the 7th of March 2025 at the Twechar Miners, doors open at 7pm. Tickets are priced at £5 each and this will include a light buffet. *More details to follow, please see Sandra for more information and ask a member of staff to purchase a ticket.*

Key Workers will be touching base with you over the next couple of weeks to check that all of your children's care plan details are up to date, and also to review your children's termly targets.

Our Families Connect group is due to begin soon with Debbie, if this is something that you are interested in participating in, please see Debbie for more information.



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SUMMER TRIP

Our Parents Group have been working alongside Sandra to organise a Summer trip for the children. Thanks to a very generous donation from Kelly's gran and some fundraising by the EYC team, we are able to go on a trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park, we have raised enough funds to cover the majority of the cost of this trip. This will be on the 14th of May, the bus will leave Twechar Primary School and EYC at 9.30am and will return at 3.45pm. Children will be provided with a packed lunch. We require one adult to attend with their child(ren) which will be at a cost of £5 per person (1 adult: £5 + 1 child: £5). This payment can be made to a member of staff and we kindly ask that all payments are made before the 7th of March. There is a permission slip attached that should also be completed and handed back into the EYC staff.

Summer Trips – 2024

My child(ren): _____

- Payment of £_____ enclosed

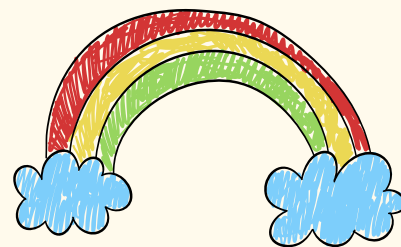


- Who will be attending with your child(ren)? (Parent/Guardian Name) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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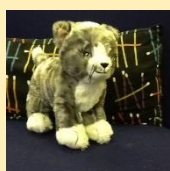


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LITERACY AND NUMERACY FOCUS

Literacy

The children are continuing to develop their drawing and pre writing skills through our writing programme called "Foundations of Writing". The children have been concentrating on drawing detailed pictures of themselves, with a focus on faces, hair and hats. The themes for drawing were linked to our Story of the Week such as Clive Penguin who wore a woolly tea cosy as a hat. The children were encouraged to try on different hats, look in mirrors and then draw what they saw.



The children have been continuing to take part in weekly reading sessions where they listen to a story, known as a shared text. There has been a focus on asking "comprehension" questions which encourages children to use clues from the story to answer questions e.g. in the story of Hurry Santa how do you think Santa felt when he realised he'd slept in?



The children are becoming familiar with our Word Aware programme, which is a structured approach to teaching vocabulary. Concept Cat has been teaching the children about different words selected from our Story of the Week e.g. over, search, sparkly. The children get a sticker with the word so please ask your child what the word on their sticker means.

Numeracy & Maths



The children have been developing their Early Number Sense by working on their subitizing skills. Subitizing is the ability to identify the number of items in a group without counting. This is an important skill because it lays the foundation for more advanced mathematical understanding. By being able to recognize small groups of objects without counting, children can develop a strong sense of numbers and their relationships. As children progress, their ability to subitize can significantly enhance their understanding and application of addition, subtraction, multiplication and addition. In particular the children have been using finger patterns, dice dot patterns, 5 and 10 frames to develop their subitizing skills.

We have been also learning about patterns, and finding different patterns within our environment. The children have been copying, continuing and creating repeating patterns with 2 or 3 different objects.



Dates For Your Diary
Twechar Early Years Centre

Please note: Dates may be subject to change.

Date	Event
February 2025	
19 th February 2025	Nursery Closed
March 2025	
3 rd - 7 th March 2025	Stay and Play Week
6 th March 2025	World Book Day
10 th March 2025	Start of 4 week block of outdoor family learning
21 st March 2025	Comic Relief
April 2025	
2 nd -8 th April 2025	Autism Awareness Week
2 nd April 2025	Easter Party
18 th and 21 st April 2025	Nursery Closed
May 2025	
5 th and 6 th May 2025	Nursery Closed
14 th May	Summer Trip
19 th - 22 nd May	Parent Consultation Week
23 rd and 26 th May 2025	Nursery Closed
TBC	Garden Party
June 2025	
11 th June 2025	Sports Day (subject to change)
18 th June 2025	Graduation (More information to follow)
TBC	Twechar Beach Day
July 2025	
31 st July 2025	Pre-Schoolers last day at nursery



Safe Sleep Policy

All children at Twechar Early Years Centre have the right to be safe and rest/sleep when needed. This policy sets out clear principles and guidelines on supporting resting/sleeping children. In the belief that proactive steps can be taken to lower the risk of SIDS in child care settings and that parents and child care professionals can work together to keep children safer while they sleep. Twechar EYC will practice the following sleep policy.

This policy is supported by Safe Sleep Scotland.

At Twechar EYC we value, celebrate and fully embrace to the principles of equality, diversity and inclusion. This requires us all to recognise and respect each other's differences. Creating an inclusive work environment where we all feel a sense of belonging helps us to do our best work, which results in the best possible outcomes for children in our care.

Twechar EYC will ensure that:

- All Key workers will familiarise themselves with safe sleep best practice.
- Parents/Carers will be asked at the time of settling period if said child will require a sleep when at nursery.
- An area of the room will be a designated sleep area and all resources will be moved out of reach of children.
- All children must sleep on a rest mat (children may be put to sleep in a buggy when specified by parent or carer, however the child must then be transferred onto a rest mat to continue their sleep)
- Each child will have their own individual bedding and blanket. This will be stored in a canvas bag with a picture of the child.
- This will be washed in a 60 degrees wash weekly.
- Children will be placed on their backs to sleep. They can be allowed to adopt whatever position they preference when the child turns onto his/her side or stomach.
- Children can have a dummy/comfort teddy if provided by the parent/carers
- Visual supervision is required at all times. At least every 15 minutes the key person will visually check on the child; looking for the rise and fall of the chest and record this on a sleep chart.
- Room temperature should be preferably kept between 16 and 20 degrees
- Shoes and any jackets or outer layers should always be removed when going to sleep
- No smoking is permitted on the premises and key persons who smoke will ensure that their clothes and breath do not smell of smoke when caring for children within the nursery.

<i>In our centre responsibility for implementing this policy is:</i>	<i>All Staff</i>
<i>Policy was created on:</i>	<i>October 24</i>
<i>Review date (no more than three years):</i>	<i>September 27</i>