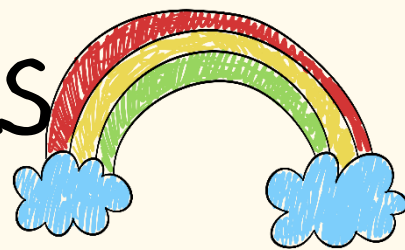


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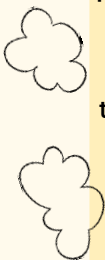


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WELCOME

Hello!




We've had a busy start to the year, we have sadly said goodbye to Rachel who has moved on to pastures new and we hope you'll join us in wishing her lots of luck in her new role. We have also welcomed Sharon, our new housekeeper to the team and we are so glad to have her. Some of you may know that we had a small fire within the nursery this month, luckily this was handled promptly by staff and there is minimal damage. The children and staff were superstars during this evacuation due to our regular fire evacuation drills. Thank you to the staff at the Twechar Health Living Centre for their support at the time.

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

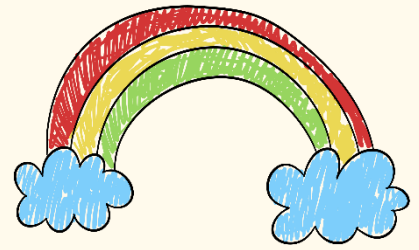


If someone else is collecting your child, please let us know and we can add them to the list of authorized people to do so. It is important that whoever collects your child, has the password given at enrolment and I.D.

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

Week Beginning 3rd March: Stay and Play Week

6th March: World Book Day (*Please wear your pyjamas and bring your favourite bedtime story*)

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

11th March: Outdoor Family Learning Block Begins

21st March: Comic Relief (*Crazy Hair Day*)

2nd April: Easter Party

2nd-8th April: Autism Acceptance Week

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 "*Child Protection*" 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 at the Healthy Living Centre. We'd love to see you all there! Please see Sandra for any more details or info about this!

CALLING ALL NURSERY PARENTS!



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 move from the winter months to spring, we still 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

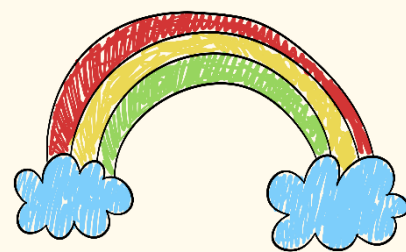
Please be aware of your child's session times as this can have an impact on the running of the Nursery day.

ABSENCES

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 by contacting parents and emergency contacts. If contact is not made during this time, it will result in an attendance officer being sent to your home.



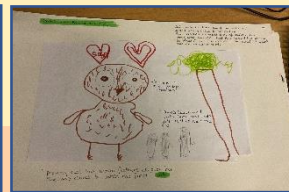
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OUR LEARNING

In the STEM area, we have been exploring chemical reactions and observing the effect that different materials may have on each other. We have also been learning about Chinese New Year and we worked hard making a Chinese Dragon which we showcased as we paraded around the school. We have been developing our knowledge of our rights as children as we have been joining Arran every Wednesday morning for a small group time to learn all about Children's rights. In the Home Corner, we have been developing our independence as we have been learning about the skills required to look after a baby, we have also been developing our independence through a variety of cooking experiences including making our own soups. In the Creative area, we have been exploring Julia Donaldson's book '*Jonty Gentoo*' and have been making different creations relating to the book. In the Story Corner and Literacy area, we have explored some stories by Martin Waddell including Owl Babies and the Little Bear stories. We have explored lots of experiences around this. We celebrated Burns Day within the nursery as we tasted some traditional Scottish foods, explored some of Robert Burns' poetry and made some tartan pictures.

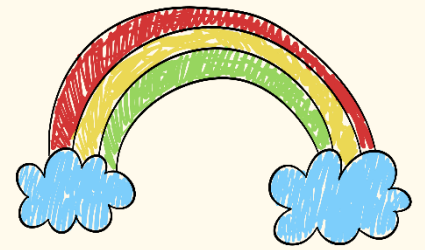


OUTDOOR LEARNING

Outdoors, we have been learning all about local wildlife, specifically birds. We have been exploring different species of birds using books, the internet and an app which listens for the birds calls and identifies the species. We have been exploring different ways to care for our local wildlife, including making bird feeders. We have also been developing our independence through regular visits to the local Glen, Canal and Twechar Healthy Living Centre. We love exploring our local community and helping to take care of it.



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THANK YOU

Thank you to Sandra and the Friday morning parents group for all your help organizing our Fundraiser night on the 7th of March. We hope to see you all there!

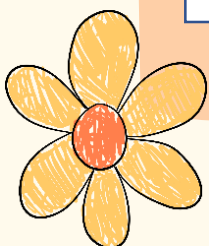
Thank you to Kelly's Gran who very generously donated some new I-Pads to the nursery, these will make a huge difference to the staff and children, allowing the children to access technology within the nursery.

Thank you to all parents, guardians and family members who have been contributing to our Snack/Treat fund. This money allows us to plan things like Halloween and Easter events, provide snacks and treats, host 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.

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.*

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 depart the Safari Park at 4:15pm. 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 18th April. There is a permission slip attached that should also be completed and handed back into the EYC staff.

It will be the parent's responsibility to look after their child during the trip.

Summer Trip – 2025

My child(ren): _____

- Payment of £ _____ enclosed

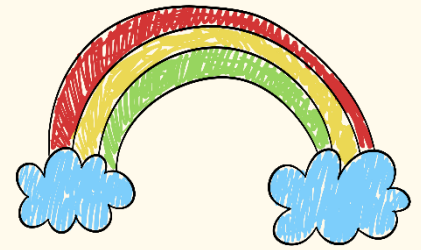


- Who will be attending with your child(ren)? (Parent/Guardian Name) _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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LITERACY AND NUMERACY FOCUS

Literacy

This month the children have been learning the story of The 3 Little Pigs as part of our Talk4Writing programme. They learned to retell the story using actions and also had the opportunity to retell the story using a story map and story tray. We have also been focusing on the structure of stories particularly how we begin and finish stories e.g. "Once upon a time..... and they lived happily ever after. The end."



Through our Word Aware programme, Concept Cat has been teaching the children about different words selected from The Three Little Pigs story e.g. creeping, twisty, furious. These words are displayed each week on the Curriculum Board in the cloakroom so please take a look and ask your child about what the word of the week means.



The children used their drawing skills, which have been developed through Foundations of Writing, to draw detailed pictures of their favourite character and setting from the story of The 3 Little Pigs. "I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house down!"

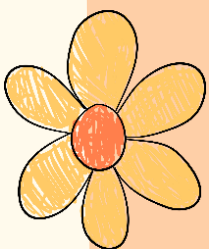


Numeracy & Maths

The children have been developing their Early Number Sense by working on recognising and ordering numerals. We have also been using lots of mathematical language such as what number comes before, after, inbetween. This not only helps them to improve their counting skills but also helps develop problem-solving skills, and concepts such as sequence and patterns.



We have been also learning about weight, what we need to measure it and the language around weight such as heavy, heavier, light, lighter. The children have been exploring weight using lots of different types of scales, and using their problem solving skills to make both sides of a 2 pan scale balance.



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

