

ILCHESTER EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

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Children learn as they play.
Most importantly, in play,
children learn how to learn.

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Tiggywinkles

This week the Tiggywinkles have been exploring animals and habitats from around the world! From jungle parachute play to polar ice painting, and building desert and woodland scenes, the children have enjoyed rich small world and creative activities. They've also had fun with animal-themed games, Jenga, magnets, and farm role-play. They have been tuning in to phonics through sound games and listening activities, while also practicing independence by putting on coats, trying zips, and fastening buttons.



Nutkins

This week the Nutkins have been journeying through jungles, deserts, farms, and even polar regions as part of our themed habitat explorations! They've built giraffes, tractors, and polar bears in creative sessions, while also engaging in role-play and small world scenes like jungle trails and snowy adventures. The children explored sounds and language through phonics games and enjoyed hands-on construction using pipes, bricks, and natural wood. They've also been growing in independence by practicing dressing skills and changing clothes throughout the week.

Puddleducks

This week the Puddleducks have been exploring all things planting and growing! The children enjoyed activities such as sunflower seed planting, creating cress heads, and trying ziplock bag planting. They've also been busy with hands-on experiences including potion making, junk modelling, and playing with planting playdough. It's been a fantastic week of learning

through movement, mark making, and lots of sensory fun—all while building important skills across all areas of development.

May half term

Happy half term! Just a reminder that we return on Monday 2nd of June. We hope you have a wonderful week and look forward to hearing what you get up to.



Starting reception

As we continue the summer term, we begin to focus on what it really means to be 'school ready'—both for our children and their families. A fantastic resource is startingreception.co.uk, which offers a wealth of helpful information and practical tips.

Whether you're looking for guidance on preparing your child for this important transition or have concerns about their development, the website is packed with supportive tools, advice, and reassuring insights to help you and your child feel confident about starting school.



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