



Tiny Home Nursery Spring Newsletter

Message from Ms Penny, Head Teacher

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed your Winter break. On behalf of myself and the Management Team we would like to wish you all a very Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year.

I am very pleased to welcome a number of new families who have joined the Tiny Home family this week. They are certainly settling in very well indeed and I am sure will enjoy the start of their education journey with us.

I would also like to welcome and introduce to you our new staff members who have joined our team this week.

Kristy Long joins us as the Teacher of our new Orange Class. Kristy hails from Kentucky in the USA. She graduated from Eastern Kentucky University where she studied Family Studies and Child Development from Birth to 6 years of age.

Joining Kristy as the Teaching Assistant in the Orange Class is Saher Lakhani. Saher is originally from Canada and has just graduated from The University of Waterloo in Ontario. She was previously

working as an assistant at The Mothercare Nursery in Dubai.

Finally I would like to welcome Iram Sharoon. Iram joins us as The School Nurse. She is originally from Pakistan where she worked for many years at The Ittefaq Hospital in Lahore having gained her certificate in general nursing, and midwifery.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing each and every one of them success and happiness with us here at Tiny Home.

I do have some rather exciting news for you. I am pleased to announce that Snowflake and her 'husband' Cookie are the proud parents of four babies. They were born on the 5th January, much to the surprise of Ms Angela who was 'bunny sitting' over the Winter break. Cookie will soon be re-joining us at the Nursery but for the moment Snowflake will remain with Ms Angela for a few more days whilst she takes care of her babies.

Our Spring Term will be packed with lots of events, activities and surprises for all. We are already planning

our Sport's Day in February and I strongly advise all Mums and Dads to start preparing for our prestigious Mother's Race & Father's Race where records are broken, reputations made and fun had by all!

Field Trips will take place this month as well as our official school photographs.

I would like to end my message by saying that I truly value the trust and confidence you have placed in us here at Tiny Home and we all look forward to working in partnership to give you and your child a solid foundation for the future.

Ms Penny

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Dates for your diary!

- ☺ 23rd January—School Photos
- ☺ 24th January — Field Trip—Dino Live for Yellow, Orange, Red and Blue Classes
- ☺ 29th January—Field Trip—Al Barsha Park—Rainbow, Green and Purple Classes
- ☺ 23rd February—Sports Day



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Blue Class News

Dear Parents

A very Happy New Year to all of you! We hope you had an enjoyable winter break. We would like to welcome you back for an exciting term ahead.

We are starting our term with "Musical Instruments" as our theme. Our next topic will be "The Beach and Sea". This will be followed by the popular story of "The Little Red Hen" We have some wonderful artwork and cooking planned for the children during these themes.

We will start with the revision of numbers 1 to 10 which we had covered last term and hope to go up to 15 by the end of this term. We will continue our phonetic knowledge by learning some more letters of the alphabet. We will also be covering some three dimensional shapes as well as the continents of the world. Our weekly plan will be posted on the door for you to read and update you about our work.

May we remind you to please ensure that your child can be at the nursery latest by 8.30 am. This will enable them to participate in Circle Time and Show and Tell both as you are aware are a very important part of the day.

Our French and Arabic classes will continue as always. Our Library day is Sunday. Please remember to send your child's

Library book on that day.

We have planned an exciting field trip for the children to "Dino Live" on the 24th January.

As always we look forward to your cooperation and support in making this term enjoyable and successful.

Kind Regards,
Mrs. Kajal, Miss Caron & Mary



Red Class News

Dear Parents,

Wishing all of you a very Happy New Year!

We hope you enjoyed the break and we are all ready for the new Term. We welcome Dhanya and Matthias to the class. Dhanya is new to Tiny Home and Matthias joins us from the Yellow Class.

During this term we have planned to work on themes like 'Dinosaurs', 'The Desert' and 'Opposites'

Through the activities relating to the topics, children will learn about different types of Dinosaurs (plant eaters, meat eaters); desert animals; perception of opposites. We have a field trip to Dino Live organized for the 24th of January.

Art work will of course be an important activity relating to all of these themes. As usual, there will be other activities such as French, Arabic, Library and Computer, Music, and cooking.

Our daily "Show and Tell" session offers the children the opportunity to speak before a small group and this helps in the development of their self confidence. Please encourage your child to bring something on the days allocated to him/her. We prefer that the item should relate to the theme but the child is free to bring anything he/she likes to talk about.

The school day starts with outdoor play at 8:00 am. This is very important for the children to be able to socialize with other children. The normal school day ends at 12:30 p.m.

Last term was eventful. We had lots of activities, especially the celebration of the "40th National Day. We are looking forward to another eventful term ahead.

Should you have any concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Das, Mrs. Angela & Maria

Yellow Class News

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all,. We welcome you and your children back after the holidays and hope that you all had an enjoyable Winter break and are ready to start the Spring term.

As usual our Weekly Plan will be posted on the classroom door/information board in order for you to be fully aware of what the children will be doing during the week as well as being familiar with our current theme. For those of you who avail of the school bus do not worry, your child will have a communication book where we will insert the weekly plan for your perusal.

This term we expect to cover a variety of interesting, fun topics beginning with 'On the farm', followed by 'Goldilocks and the three bears', 'Mini Beasts', and 'All about me'. The children will be doing lots of art and craft for these topics to supplement their knowledge and understanding, much of which will be on the display boards, please feel free to come in and take a look.

During this term we will be taking the children on a field trip, holding Sports Day and the school photographer will be visiting. All the dates are to be confirmed and you will be informed shortly.

Our Circle Time will be in the mornings; this is when each child

Purple Class News

A very warm welcome to all the parents of Purple class. We hope you had an enjoyable winter break and are ready for a new exciting term.

We will start the term by learning about 'fruit' and this will be followed by 'the hungry caterpillar', 'transport' and 'opposites'. The children will be supplementing their knowledge of these topics with lot of art and craft.

Our circle time in the morning is the most important part of the day which includes the calendar, talking about our topic or introducing a new activity followed by Montessori work. Children will learn shapes, colours and number recognition and be encouraged to become independent, cooperate and share with each other, take turns, communicate, listen and respect each other. We will continue our weekly activities such as French, Arabic, music, library, and computers. We will also be doing cooking which is another activity enjoyed by children. We also have regular visits to the soft play and the role play area as well as Music & Movement.

Our weekly planner is displayed on the board outside the classroom door. Also this month, we are planning a field trip to

can bring something from home for show and tell. It would be nice if the children could bring a theme related object but if this is not possible they may bring another item. Circle time is held first thing in the morning after play, so please try to have them in Nursery for 08.30 hrs. This will enable them to participate in Circle Time and Show and Tell, as you are aware they are an important part of your child's day.

We will be continuing with both French and Arabic lessons, music and singing, and music and movement. Our Library and Computer visits will also continue. During Library time the children will be able to choose a book to take home and return the following week when they can choose a new book. You will be informed of the days at the beginning of term.

We look forward to having an enjoyable, fun and successful term together along with your cooperation and support.

Regards

Ms Gillian, Ms Sarah &
Gemma



the park happening on Sunday 29th January.

We look forward to your cooperation and support in making this term enjoyable and successful. Please feel free to discuss any of your concerns and suggestions with myself.

Kind Regards

Mrs. Sonia and Ms.Loida

Rainbow Class News

Dear Parents

We hope you had an enjoyable winter break and welcome to the Rainbow Class for an exciting Spring Term.

We would like to welcome Khadija, Sophiya, Barath, Anuki, Heidi and their families to Tiny Home and to the Rainbow Class.

We are looking forward to working and playing with your child at Tiny Home and will spend the next couple of days settling everyone into the Class. Our aim is to allow the children to feel confident in their new surrounding.

We have an eventful term ahead of us with lots of fun and exciting activities for the children to participate in.

During this term, our topics will be The Very Hungry Caterpillar, All About Me and Transport. We take our lead from the children with these topics. They could change, depending on the interest of the children. If it doesn't work we adapt and find alternative ways to stimulate your child's interest and focus. We are also planning an exciting field trip to the park

Green Class

Welcome to our Green class. We had a lively start to the new term welcoming our new friends; Reya, Reisha and Mazen. We are getting to know each other and have formed trusting and happy friendships. We are learning how to look after our classroom, to play together, to share and to display our work with pride. Our first topic this term is Nursery Rhymes. We are busy making our art work for the traditional ones like 'Incy Wincy' spider and 'Humpty Dumpty' and in addition to that, learning some new rhymes as well.

Other topics during this term are, Traditional fairy tales, Spring and Transport. We will also cover the primary colors, shapes, numbers and phonics of letters which will be linked to our theme topics. We are also organizing a field trip to the park.

Tuesday is our library day. Your child will bring a book home to

Notes from our School Nurse:

If your child has a temperature in the morning, please do not send him or her to school.. Thank you!

at the end of January.

In the Rainbow Class children will be encouraged to become independent, co - operate with each other, take turns, communicate, listen and respect each other.

Our door is always open should you wish to discuss anything with us.

Ms. Mumtaz, Ms. Shona, Ms, Sharmini and Rosemary



read during the week and it should be returned latest by Monday to be exchanged with a new one. Please make time to sit and discuss the book with your child to get them interested in reading.

The weekly planner is on the Info board outside the class room every week. Please feel free to ask if you have any queries regarding the curriculum and your child's progress.

We are looking forward to a very busy and exciting term.

Ms. Maheen and Ms. Katherine



Orange Class

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to our brand new class here at Tiny Home Nursery, the "Orange Class". My name is Ms. Kristy and I will be your child's teacher. I am so excited to be a part of your child's learning experience. The first week of class has been a big adjustment and transition for everyone. Moving into a new class room can be difficult for a child. They are leaving an established environment with their family, friends, and teacher only to be introduced to an unknown environment with unfamiliar faces. It is my responsibility as their teacher to help them through this transition phase. In order to help the children adapt to the Orange Class we have been busy this week with our theme, "All about Me". This is a very effective way for the children to learn about their teacher and classmates. Now that the children know about me I would like to share it with you.

I moved to Dubai five months ago from the United States (Kentucky). I Studied at Eastern Kentucky University. My training and education is in Child and Family Studies with an emphasis on Child Development from birth to six years. During my course work at the University I studied:

Early Childhood Education Theories (Montessori)

Early childhood sensorimotor development

Interaction and guidance

Family involvement with young children

Special education in early childhood

All the above courses required teaching, observations, and assessments of preschool age children. My philosophy for learning is that each child is unique, and each child learns in a different way. One of my jobs as a teacher is to observe and

Helpful hints on Brushing Teeth

We are planning to have a visit from Drs. Nicolas to the nursery in February, here are some ideas to make brushing teeth fun!

Look for ways to engage your children in brushing. Make it seem as if brushing is a fun thing to do rather than a chore. Get your child a fun and colorful toothbrush to start.

Allow your children to brush your teeth. Have fun with that, then allow them to brush their own teeth. Finish the session by brushing your child's teeth.

Don't forget to praise, praise, praise your children for their awesome brushing.

help your child discover his or her individuality and work alongside with them to maximize it. I believe in hands-on experiences, learning creatively, and learning through play. Working jointly with me in the classroom will be Ms. Saher. Topics for this term will include: "The Body", "Senses", "Emotions", "Colour mixing" and "Springtime". As with all our theme work, art & craft as well as cookery will be integrated into our activities. Also this month we will be joining the Red, Blue and Yellow classes on a trip to Dino Live on the 24th January which I am certainly looking forward to. My door is always open and I look forward to interacting with you and your child.

Many thanks,

Ms. Kristy and Ms. Saher

Gentle Reminder:

Fees are now over due!

Please ignore if you have already paid. Thank you.

Ideas for Healthy Snack

Chopped Fruit, Vegetable Sticks, Cheese cubes, Bread Sticks, pitta bread, yoghurt pots, rice crackers, cereal bars, mini packs of dried fruits,

